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Research Com.

Dr. Johns suggestion

% of fouls in deep scoring areas.

Compared with T. Lloyd Ravis report 2 yrs ago <sup>51%</sup>

Medical investigation - strain on players.

Further test, circles & held balls.

Ever Held Balls does it  
increase no of held balls

Personal foul made by  
player in his own defending  
half of the court  
Ball out of bounds?  
" ONE BLOCK FROM PENNSYLVANIA STATION "





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Winning game by  
the free throw route -  
Formerly, advancing the ball  
by running was a foul  
allowing free throw by  
opponent

x x

See News papers by explaining  
the new Rules set up.

Refer center jump to  
Research Com.





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See foreign country rep-  
resentatives re their  
intention concerning  
the center jump.

Write Porter concerning  
the printing of questionnaire  
separating high school  
and college questionnaire



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Out of Bands play

4 ft = using 4 ft lines

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Official Rules

and bymea out

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1935-36

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Nation Basketball Club  
of N.Y. & Conn

19 members

15 Now in =

1936-1937

Stationery - Write to Tower,  
Porter, Penn -

Written representative from  
relative district to Conn.



COMMENTS

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JUMPS:

Restraining circle at center larger than 6 feet.  
After successful Free throw, ball must be passed to player in his back court.  
If center jump eliminated, allow 2 time outs each half.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

Allow unlimited substitutions - also communication.

10-SECOND RULE:

Enforce 10-second rule only during last ten minutes of game.

3-SECOND RULE:

Extend free throw line entirely across the court and remove 3-second lane restriction when ball is inside the zone thus made.  
No 3-second time restriction if pivot man is used to feed or pass ball.  
When player faces basket and is making honest attempt to enter into play, 3-second rule should not be enforced.

TRAVELLING AND DRIBBLE:

Restrict dribble to one bounce.  
Permit pivot man to pivot on either foot on any two count stop.  
Allow lifting of pivot foot in starting dribble.

FOULS:

Charge Personal Foul but ball out-of-bounds unless against shooter.  
Do not disqualify player.  
Allow player with 4 Personal Fouls to remain but double penalty for fouls thereafter.

EQUIPMENT:

Reduce size of backboard.  
Numbers of solid contrasting color.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Eliminate huddle.  
Offensive half court 40 feet.  
Official handle ball following field goal.  
3 points for field goal - 1 point for free throw.  
provide for declining penalty for certain cases of stepping over restraining circle.



# 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 or State Athletic Officer whose name appears above will send all replies received up to March 21 to H. V. Porter, 11 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

1. Concerning center jumps:

- a. Do you favor the rule which eliminated the center jump after a successful free throw? Yes **1334**  
 No. **60**

List desirable modifications on reverse side.

- b. Do you favor eliminating jumps after a field goal? Yes **756** No. **632**

- c. If b should be adopted ball should be awarded to opponent

1. At end of court. **1021**  
 2. At end of division line. **89**  
 3. At the center circle. **66**

- d. If present center jumps should be retained would you favor rotation of jumpers? Yes **241**  
 No. **1105**

2. Concerning restraining circles:

- a. Do you favor retaining the restraining circles for jumps at the free throw lines? Yes **1232** ✓  
 No. **128**

- b. Would you favor having a restraining circle at center? Yes **930** No. **453** ✓

- c. If three restraining circles are used would you favor having all jumps at the nearest circle? Yes **743** ✓  
 No. **508** **763**

3. Concerning the rule which states that a fumble is not a dribble (check one)

- a. Present rule is satisfactory. **975**  
 b. Return to 1934-5 rule. **148**  
 c. Allow fumble only before start of dribble. **210**

4. Would you favor removing the restriction on communication by a substitute? Yes **685** No. **685**

702 ✓ 695  
 This questionnaire checked by .....

5. Concerning the three second lane rule (check one)

- a. Present rule is satisfactory. **104**  
 b. Return to 1934-5 rule. **437**

6. Would you favor making the free throw lanes wider? Yes. **97** No. **1265**

If you answer yes, check desirable width:  
 10 feet? **45** 12 feet. **42**

7. Concerning the awarding of an additional free throw for unsportsmanlike conduct for a deliberate or flagrant foul (check one)

- a. Retain present rule. **1247**  
 b. Return to 1934-5 rule. **112**

8. Would you favor eliminating free throws for a double foul? Yes. **304** No. **1078**

9. Would you favor legalizing a court marking which would place the end line four feet from the plane of the backboard on floors long enough to permit this extension? Yes. **538** No. **601**

10. Concerning High School overtime games (check one)

- a. Present rule is satisfactory. **1119** ✓  
 b. Use sudden death method in first overtime. **88** ✓  
 c. After one overtime, use free throws. **72**

11. Concerning disqualification for four personal fouls (check one)

- a. Present rule is satisfactory. **1083**  
 b. Disqualify on fifth foul. **182**  
 c. Disqualify for remainder of half for third foul in that half. **129**

12. If any particular section of the rules needs improvement, give rule and section number .....

**6-12**      **6-13**

Comment on reverse side.

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMITTEE,

- J. H. CROCKER,  
 E. J. HICKOX,  
 W. E. MEANWELL,  
 OSWALD TOWER, *Editor*,  
 H. V. PORTER, *Chairman*

Location .....



1936 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Concerning center jumps:

a. Do you favor the rule which eliminated the center jump after a successful free throw?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
New England States & New York (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island)	114	8
Atlantic Coast (New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida)	65	5
Central States (Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas)	665	31
Southern States (Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas)	266	11
Western States (Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California)	141	5
Canada	<u>83</u>	<u>--</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1334</b>	<b>60</b>

b. Do you favor eliminating jumps after a field goal?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
New England States & New York	57	63
Atlantic Coast	24	46
Central States	380	317
Southern States	150	130
Western States	95	43
Canada	<u>50</u>	<u>33</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>632</b>



c. If b should be adopted ball should be awarded to opponent

1. At end of court

New England States & New York	71
Atlantic Coast	45
Central States	530
Southern States	207
Western States	119
Canada	<u>49</u>
Total:	1021

2. At end of division line:

New England States & New York	9
Atlantic Coast	4
Central States	42
Southern States	22
Western States	6
Canada	<u>6</u>
Total:	89

3. At the center circle:

New England States & New York	8
Atlantic Coast	4
Central States	29
Southern States	13
Western States	4
Canada	<u>8</u>
Total:	66

d. If present center jumps should be retained would you favor rotation of jumpers?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
New England States & New York	17	94
Atlantic Coast	15	51
Central States	121	572
Southern states	50	211
Western States	29	108
Canada	<u>9</u>	<u>69</u>
Total:	241	1105



2. Concerning restraining circles:

a. Do you favor retaining the restraining circles for jumps at the free throw lines?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
New England States & New York	106	9
Atlantic Coast	61	10
Central States	628	57
Southern States	252	21
Western States	116	22
Canada	<u>69</u>	<u>9</u>
Total:	1232	128

b. Would you favor having a restraining circle at center?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
New England States & New York	84	47
Atlantic Coast	41	29
Central States	488	198
Southern States	186	90
Western States	88	51
Canada	<u>43</u>	<u>38</u>
Total:	930	453

c. If three restraining circles are used would you favor having all jumps at the nearest circle?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
New England States & New York	60	54
Atlantic Coast	40	25
Central States	383	296
Southern States	159	107
Western States	64	66
Canada	<u>37</u>	<u>38</u>
Total:	743	586



3. Concerning the rule which states that a fumble is not a dribble (check one):

a. Present rule is satisfactory:

New England States & New York	90
Atlantic Coast	61
Central States	439
Southern States	222
Western States	105
Canada	<u>58</u>
Total:	975

b. Return to 1934-5 rule:

New England States & New York	16
Atlantic Coast	1
Central States	100
Southern States	19
Western States	6
Canada	<u>6</u>
Total:	148

c. Allow fumble only before start of dribble:

New England States & New York	17
Atlantic Coast	8
Central States	102
Southern States	36
Western States	30
Canada	<u>17</u>
Total:	210

4. Would you favor removing the restriction on communication by a substitute?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
New England States & New York	41	79
Atlantic Coast	34	34
Central States	375	323
Southern States	129	130
Western States	71	68
Canada	<u>33</u>	<u>49</u>
Total:	683	683



5. Concerning the three second lane rule (check one)

a. Present rule is satisfactory:

New England States & New York	82
Atlantic Coast	33
Central States	493
Southern States	174
Western States	84
Canada	<u>38</u>
Total:	904

b. Return to 1934-5 rule:

New England States & New York	37
Atlantic Coast	35
Central States	193
Southern States	92
Western States	49
Canada	<u>31</u>
Total:	437

6. Would you favor making the free throw lanes wider?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	10 ft.	12 ft.
New England States & New York	14	103	8	6
Atlantic Coast	5	65	3	3
Central States	35	657	16	17
Southern States	26	244	10	9
Western States	8	123	5	4
Canada	<u>9</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Total:	97	1265	43	42

7. Concerning the awarding of an additional free throw for unsportsmanlike conduct for a deliberate or flagrant foul (check one):

a. Retain present rule:

New England States & New York	99
Atlantic Coast	67
Central States	617
Southern States	256
Western States	127
Canada	<u>81</u>
Total:	1247



b. Return to 1934-5 rule:

New England States & New York	19
Atlantic Coast	2
Central States	62
Southern States	17
Western States	9
Canada	<u>3</u>
Total:	113

8. Would you favor eliminating free throws for a double foul?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
New England States & New York	22	97
Atlantic Coast	20	49
Central States	137	560
Southern States	70	205
Western States	33	106
Canada	<u>22</u>	<u>61</u>
Total:	304	1078

9. Would you favor legalizing a court marking which would place the end line four feet from the plane of the backboard on floors long enough to permit this extension?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
New England states & New York	36	79
Atlantic Coast	29	34
Central States	264	417
Southern States	121	147
Western States	63	67
Canada	<u>25</u>	<u>57</u>
Total:	538	801

10. Concerning High School overtime games (check one)

a. Present rule is satisfactory:

New England States & New York	86
Atlantic Coast	59
Central States	568
Southern States	242
Western States	105
Canada	<u>59</u>
Total:	1119



b. Use sudden death method in first overtime:

New England States & New York	16
Atlantic Coast	1
Central States	58
Southern States	6
Western States	5
Canada	<u>2</u>
Total:	88

c. After one overtime, use free throws:

New England States & New York	5
Atlantic Coast	7
Central States	43
Southern States	10
Western States	4
Canada	<u>3</u>
Total:	72

11. Concerning Disqualification for four personal fouls (check one):

a. Present rule is satisfactory:

New England States & New York	100
Atlantic Coast	56
Central States	539
Southern States	201
Western States	120
Canada	<u>67</u>
Total:	1083

b. Disqualify on fifth foul:

New England States & New York	11
Atlantic Coast	10
Central States	85
Southern States	40
Western States	11
Canada	<u>5</u>
Total:	162



c. Disqualify for remainder of half for third foul in that half:

New England States & New York	10
Atlantic Coast	6
Central States	63
Southern States	29
Western States	11
Canada	<u>10</u>

Total: 129

12. If any particular section of the rules needs improvement, give rule and section number:

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE

NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES  
AND CANADA

McAlpin Hotel, New York, N.Y.

April 3, 1936.

...The meeting convened in Room 1402, at 3:15 P.M. Friday, April 3, 1936.

...L. W. St. John, Presiding.

The following members were present:

L. W. St. John, Chairman.....	Representing the N.C.A.A.	Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio.
Geo. T. Hepbron, Secretary...	" A. A. U.	105 Nassau St., New York, N.Y.
A. E. Metzdorf, Treasurer....	" Y. M. C. A.	97 Elmdorf Ave., Rochester, N.Y.
Dr. John Brown, Jr. . . . .	" Y. M. C. A.	347 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y.
William McK. Barber. . . . .	" N. C. A. A.	38 Livingston St., Brklyn New York,
J. H. Crocker . . . . .	" Canada I. C.A.A.	Univ. of Western Ont., London, Ont., Canada.
Floyd A. Rowe. . . . .	" High School A. A.	Board of Education, Cleveland, O.
H. H. Salmon, Jr. . . . .	" N. C. A. A.	40 Wall Street, New York, N.Y.
H. V. Porter (Alternate for H. A. Swaffield) . . . . .	" High School A. A.	11 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.
Oswald Tower. . . . .	Editor. . . . .	Andover, Mass.

Major John L. Griffith, President of the N. C. A. A., came into the meeting during the late afternoon, as a guest.

The report of the Treasurer was read by Mr. Metzdorf.

Treas.  
Report.

MOVED that the Treasurer's report as submitted by Mr. Metzdorf, be officially accepted. (Carried)

MOVED by Mr. Rowe, that outstanding bills for postage; the Honorarium of \$500. to the Editor, and the printing of the Questionnaire, be taken care of out of this fund, the Treasurer disbursing the remaining funds to the constituent member bodies. Sec. by Mr. Salmon. (Carried).

At the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed to pay the expenses of the Treasurer to New York as an expense of this Executive Committee.



The report later submitted by Mr. Metzdorf, follows:

Financial Statement  
April 21, 1936.

After all bills were paid, the balance on hand amounted to \$2,276.78. Checks as follows were distributed to the constituent organizations:-

N. C. A. A. . . . . .	\$1, 138.39
Federation of High Schools. . . . .	569.19
A. A. U. . . . . .	227.68
Y. M. C. A. . . . . .	227.68
Canada. . . . . .	113.84
	<u>\$2, 276.78</u>

Remarks by the Chairman:-

"We had a rather unsuccessful session at our last meeting. On July 29th I sent a letter summarizing the proceedings of our last meeting, May 3rd, 1935. Since that date I do not know of anything that in any way changes the situation. For a time I was under the misapprehension that Dr. Brown and George Hepbron said they were prepared to go along on the present basis and I assumed that meant the year 1936-37 but I found they meant for the current year, 1935-36. I stand corrected in this connection.

"Having discussed recently with the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee members, the action taken last May 3rd, their action has not been changed. I ask of this Executive Committee the privilege of having the various members go along on the present basis. Personally, and for the N. C. A. A. members, we do agree to do this. I conferred with the High School Federation people and Mr. Whittin stated their willingness to go along with the NCAA membership on the present basis, and I have similar communication from Mr. Crocker that the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Association desire to continue their relationship on this basis.

"As Chairman of the N. C. A. A., I have taken the liberty of inviting the N.C.A.A. to a meeting for the purpose of rules discussion, tomorrow morning, April 4th, at 10:00 a.m. here in the Hotel McAlpin. All the other fellows are invited. I have the official acceptance of the High School Federation and of Mr. Crocker, but not from Mr. Rogers of the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association. This completes any statement or report I have to make at this time.

"I have had considerable discussion with the college and the high school people and would say it is the desire of the high school people to have the privilege of using the text of the rules to print and publish in a guide that may be issued as a National High School Federation Guide. There will be a readjustment in case of the high school people sharing a royalty, and they will take care of their own expenses of travel and otherwise and will share in some pro-ratio manner agreed upon in the expense of operation of the committee such as this committee legitimately has for holding its meetings, (not travel.)

"The question has been raised whether we should obligate ourselves to continue the \$ \$500. honorarium to the Editor. The High Schools might not be in position to share on a 25% basis in this but this matter would easily be worked out."



Mr. Hepbron asked the following questions:

How would the adoption of the rules be brought about?  
Would there be representatives from all these organizations - schools, A.A.U., Y.M.C.A., Canada - on the committee which discussed and adopted the rules?

Mr. St. John:

"We have officially invited the representatives on the basis that they are at present organized to sit in on the discussion and adoption of the rules. It would be a question of operating as we have this past year and the year before."

Mr. Hepbron:

"If all these organizations adopted one set of rules and got out a book of their own, would they all be represented on a committee that adopted these rules or would one of the organizations get out rules and all the other organizations adopt the rules without change?"

Mr. St. John:

"The rules would be designated as officially adopted by the Y.M.C.A., the A.A.U., N. C. A. A. and Canadian Association, and all these organizations would have representatives on the committee which adopted these rules."

Mr. Hepbron:

"If this committee were to break up and each organization go on its own, there would be no joint basketball committee as such but would there be a joint committee that would consider recommendations from each one of the organizations and would meet and adopt these rules without bringing them before any one of the constituent organizations from which they come?"

Mr. St. John:

"I thought we would operate the same as we have done last year, the only difference being that each organization would get out their own publication but use the same rules which they had participated in adopting. From time to time, without definitely modifying the text and formation of the rules that we jointly agreed upon, a footnote might be added, e.g., the High School Federation, in conducting a tournament, might add - 'It is recommended and proposed that' thus and so be done."

Mr. Rowe:

"I gather from what has been said that there is nothing to prevent this organization from going on in the future as it has been doing during the past year so far as the colleges are concerned. The publication of the rules may enter into it somewhat."

Mr. St. John:

"The issue raised by the A.A.U. feeling that they should have equal representation on this matter of rules legislation with the colleges, is not agreeable to the colleges and therefore we split on the question. I personally would like to see the A.A.U. go along on the basis we are now organized upon. If they are not willing to do this, we regret it but we will proceed with our college group and the high school group because our interests coincide and we have a large enough committee to work satisfactorily. This same statement applies to the Y.M.C.A. and the request ~~for~~ for them to go along with us."

"It is the belief of the A.A.U. that they should have equal representation and equal division of funds and they have felt this for the past two years. The attitude of the A.A.U. is still the same and Mr. Brundage cannot change his attitude."



Mr. St. John (Cont'd).

"We had an almost complete meeting of the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee which does business for the N. C. A. A., with Major Griffith in the Chair but all the discussion was presented by the members of the committee, the Chair did not take part. They passed a resolution as follows:

RESOLVED that it is the sense of this Executive Committee that the best interests of this committee would be served if the Basketball Committee of the N. C. A. A. were to withdraw from the other groups and publish the rules for such other bodies as choose to affiliate with us.

"I think if the A.A.U. want to proceed separately, there is nothing for us to do but proceed in our own definite directions. Mr. Brundage told Major Griffith he thought there was no chance of having the A.A.U. go along with the N. C. A. A. group."

Major Griffith stated his attitude by comparing the League of Nations which was organized after the World War and about that same time it was suggested that sports-governing bodies in America get together in a similar organization, the outgrowth of which was the N.A.A.F. He said that neither of these ideals worked and this raises the question that if we are not far enough advanced to perfect the League of Nations, are we advanced enough to go into a joint organization in governing sports on a joint nation-wide basis? No one body is willing to give up their individual interests, and we might as well be frank about the matter.

Mr. Crocker:

"We in Canada all agree that because of the exchange of playing privileges, our teams are much concerned about having one set of rules. My instructions from the Canadian Intercollegiate meeting were to attend this meeting and state their desire for one set of rules which may be used in the United States in Canada."

Mr. Porter:

"Will there be a re-organization or business session at the meeting tomorrow? What difficulties will we have tomorrow in case our committee is not in sympathy with the things discussed here?"

Mr. St. John:

"The policies are more or less pre-determined. The major question before us now is whether or not the college or some of the other organizations are going to accede to the desire of the National High School Federation taking the rules we jointly agree upon and printing them in a guide of their own. It is believed that the printing of separate rules by the High School Federation does not have any effect on the sale of the guides."

"I was responsible for the only motion passed at our Executive Committee Meeting last year that was related to the National Collegiate Committee; viz:

- 4 representatives from the colleges
- 4 " " high schools
- 4 " " A.A.U.
- 4 " " Y.M.C.A.
- 2 " " Canada

"I was willing to go along with this representation. The college men from all districts were against me. They do not feel there is reason or justification for either cutting down the N.C.A.A. representation in the



Mr. St. John: (Cont'd)

"making of basketball rules or for taking any larger representation from the A.A.U. or the Y.M.C.A. because they do not believe they care enough about it except for 'wounded pride.'"

"The colleges are not concerned with the finances. We believe the Y.M.C.A. and the A.A.U. ought to go along with us. This committee as it is organized and will meet tomorrow is made up of: 10 college representatives  
4 high school "  
1 or 2 Canadians

We are going ahead with the re-organization with tremendous regret if the A.A.U. and the Y.M.C.A. do not join us."

Dr. Brown:

"First I want to express my personal appreciation of the relationship that we have had dating from the beginning of this joint enterprise. It has been unique and interesting and helpful to all organizations in it and to those who held office.

"As officially representing the YMCA, I am sorry that it looks as though we cannot go forward together on the present basis or on the proposed basis. As Executive Secretary of the National Association of Approved Basketball Officials, I want to say that they as one organization are very anxious to see (1) one set of rules; (2) that if there is one body, they will support that one and only body and if there are several bodies and several sets of rules they will affiliate with no particular group and they will serve all and help in any way they can.

"As one of the constituent members, I want to express particular delight in the wonderful service Mr. Tower has rendered as our Official Interpreter and as our Editor all through these years. I find this is in my heart and I think it is due him. On behalf of a good many others, I feel the satisfaction we have had in working with George Hepbron as Secretary of our Committee."

Mr. St. John:

"As one of the representatives of the N.C.A.A., I wish to say I am greatly interested in trying to have a single code of basketball rules and I would like to have the YMCA representatives, Mr. Metzdorf and Dr. Brown, and Mr. Hepbron and any other A.A.U. men, sit in with us at ten o'clock tomorrow, if not officially you might sit in as an observer. You are invited to join to whatever extent and degree you may care to do."

Mr. Rowe:

"It is fair and just that we in the High School Federation express ourselves to the extent that certainly we have profited personally and individually and as a group by participation in the past organization. I am sure it is an honest expression of sentiment that we will regret, probably more than any other group, if there is a change in rules as between varying organizations because of the fact that we have more boys playing basketball than any of the other groups represented."

.....The Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

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Recording Secretary:  
Grace W. Smith.  
April 11, 1936.



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
BASKETBALL RULES COMMITTEE  
Hotel McAlpin, New York, N. Y.  
April 4 and 5, 1936

Members Present:

Representing the N.C.A.A.

- L. W. St. John, Chairman.....Ohio State University,  
Columbus, Ohio
- Dr. Forrest C. Allen.....University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas
- Wm. McK. Barber.....38 Livingston St.,  
Brooklyn, New York
- John Bunn.....Stanford University  
Palo Alto, California
- Henry G. Crisp.....University of Alabama,  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- W. E. Meanwell.....University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin
- James W. St. Clair.....Southern Methodist Univ.,  
Dallas, Texas
- H. H. Salmon, Jr.....40 Wall St.,  
New York, New York
- Willard A. Witte.....University of Wyoming,  
Laramie, Wyoming

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- Floyd A. Rowe.....Board of Education  
Cleveland, Ohio
- H. A. Swaffield.....High School,  
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## ORGANIZATION MEETING 10:45 A.M. Saturday, April 4, 1936

L. W. St. John called the meeting to order and gave a brief summary of facts relative to developments prior to the calling of this meeting. He suggested that he had invited the N.C.A.A., the National Federation, the Canadian I.C.A.A., the Canadian A.A.U., the A.A.U. and the Y.M.C.A. to send representatives to this meeting as follows: eight representatives in addition to the chairman and editor from the N.C.A.A., four from the National Federation, one from each of the Canadian groups, two from the A.A.U. and two from the Y.M.C.A. The first four groups had indicated a desire to cooperate on this basis in the formulation of playing rules and had sent representatives. The A.A.U. and Y.M.C.A. organizations had expressed unwillingness to participate on the proposed terms.

Mr. St. John appointed the following nominating committee to draw up a slate of officers: William McK. Barber, Chairman, J. H. Crocker, W. E. Meanwell and H. A. Swaffield.

Motion: Tower -- Crisp: That Dr. John Brown, Geo. Hepbron and A. E. Metzdorf be elected to the newly organized committee as members at large or in some similar capacity in recognition of their long service to the various basketball organizations. This motion was discussed by various members of the committee and a substitute motion was proposed by Mr. Salmon. Mr. Crisp withdrew his second to the original motion and seconded the following substitute motion: "That due to the long and faithful service to the game of basketball that Dr. Brown, Mr. Hepbron and Mr. Metzdorf be offered honorary membership on the present basketball committee." This motion was carried.

The nominating committee withdrew and Mr. St. John made some comments. He said in part: "I am appealing to you gentlemen to function unselfishly in matters pertaining to the rules. You must forget your particular immediate affiliations and think of all of the groups that are affected by the type of game which will be required according to the rules you set up. You must think in broader terms than merely for the team in which you are personally interested. You must act for the best interests of the game of basketball. In this basketball rules committee we are trying to secure harmony between all the groups that are affected and to this end we desire as members, men who view the game from a broad angle and who represent all types of organizations that are vitally interested in the development of the game. The basketball coach is not always a good rules committee member. He often has a tendency to view the game from how a given rule will affect his own coaching and his own basketball system. His views are often colored by the effect on his prospects for next year. He becomes a valuable member only when he is able to control his individual point of view. In this committee we are attempting to preserve a proper balance by having representatives who view the game from all angles and by dealing with the game as it is played across the country. We hope basketball legislation will be influenced most by the effect it will have on player welfare. We must also consider the spectator angle and the problems of administration from the standpoint of the official and of men who manage the games in schools and other organizations. We must also seek to standardize and simplify the problems of the coach."



Suggestion by Mr. Salmon: That the welfare of the new committee should be safeguarded by the early adoption of a committee name and the securing of a copyright on the veribage of the rules as adopted. This matter was discussed but action was postponed until the executive session on the next day.

Report of nominating committee: Mr. Barber reported for the nominating committee. He recommended that the name "National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada" be adopted. He also suggested the following slate of officers:

- Chairman.....L. W. St. John
- Vice-Chairman.....H. H. Salmon, Jr.
- Secretary.....H. V. Porter
- Treasurer.....Floyd A. Rowe
- Editor and Official Rules
- Interpreter.....Oswald Tower
- Additional Members of Executive Committee: J. H. Crocker, H. A. Swaffield, Wm. McK. Barber

Motion: Allen -- St. Clair: That the report of the nominating committee be accepted and the officers duly elected. This motion was carried.

Chairman St, John turned the meeting over to vice-chairman Salmon who called for reports from various organized groups. Such reports were received from the Basketball Coaches Association, the Chartered Boards of Officials, from the questionnaire committee and from the committee on research. These reports were discussed and filed with the chairman for use in succeeding sessions.

Mr. Tower read a letter outlining some experimental work and giving detailed suggestions for changes in the rules.

Motion: Porter -- Rowe: That the editor acknowledge receipt of this and similar letters and assure the writer that the committee appreciates the thoroughness of the report and has given careful consideration to it. The motion carried.

The committee recessed for luncheon at 1:00 P.M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 2:30 P.M. with H. H. Salmon presiding. H. C. Carlson, president of the Coaches Association, and B. T. Grover, secretary of the association, were present to report on the activities of their association. They discussed the various recommendations of the association and answered questions relative to some of them. Mr. Carlson stated that it was the opinion of the leaders of the association that they could profit during the coming year by giving a greater amount of attention to promoting a greater understanding of the present rules and their interpretations rather than to a program which would encourage rule changes. They plan a program of experimentation for the coming year.

E. C. Quigley, the head official of the Olympic basketball games which were being played at Madison Square Garden, appeared and



asked for information as to the liberties of a player when he has brought a dribble to an end. The chairman called upon Mr. Porter to discuss this matter and the discussion brought out the fact that the rules prescribe that a player may pick up the ball at the end of a dribble even after a fumble but that he cannot again dribble. It was the sentiment of those present that the dribble rule as rewritten last year is satisfactory and that there is no evil in allowing a fumble at the end of a dribble any more than there is in allowing a fumble before a dribble starts. However, it was believed that a detailed analysis of the footwork during a fumble would be valuable in clarifying the rule.

M. St. John returned from a meeting of the executive committee of the N.C.A.A. and advised that that group had passed a vote of confidence in the basketball rules committee as now constituted.

The rest of the session was taken up with a discussion relative to proposed rule changes. Action relative to this matter is to be found on attached sheets.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 and provision was made for the committee to attend the Olympic basketball games in the evening.

SESSION 10:00 A. M. Sunday, April 5

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Salmon. Mr. St. John suggested that the rules seemed to be in a fairly satisfactory condition and that it might be a good plan to refrain from making any great number of changes. He expressed the opinion that what the game needs is greater uniformity of interpretation and administration and that he felt that this group would render a valuable service if each member would encourage various meetings whereby uniform interpretations would be adopted by the coaches and officials in the various sections of the country.

Mr. Tower expressed the belief that there is quite general agreement on rule interpretations except in a few sections and that in his opinion the greatest deviation from the rules as written is in a few of the eastern groups in connection with the rule on blocking and screening.

Messrs. Hepbron and Metzdorf appeared before the committee to accept the invitation to become honorary members, to thank the committee for conferring the honor and to assure it that they were ready to cooperate in every way in further improving the game of basketball.

Most of the session was taken up with a thorough discussion of various proposed rule changes. The meeting recessed for luncheon at 1:00 P.M. and reconvened at 2:30 to continue rules discussions.

NOTE: The minutes of the executive session on Sunday afternoon were sent under separate cover.



RULES CHANGES PROPOSED OR ADOPTED

Motion: Crisp -- Collins: That around the center circle there be a larger concentric circle with a six-foot radius, this circle to be a solid line two inches in width. The measurement should be from the center to the inside of the arc. The motion was carried.

Motion: St. Clair -- Witte: That the editor be empowered to make changes in the diagram on page 2 to conform to the new rules and to make proper corrections in all measurements to show that these measurements are to the inside of the various lines. The motion was carried and the discussion brought out the fact that it is understood that the editor is empowered to make changes in the various sections of the rules to conform to any newly adopted rules.

Motion: Porter -- Bunn: That in case there is a violation of the restraining circle rule by the opponent of a jumper who taps the ball in the basket, the violation be disregarded and the goal allowed. The motion carried.

Suggestion: The matter of what constitutes legal numbers was discussed. The sentiment was to the effect that solid block rather than outline numbers should be used. However, no change in the rule was authorized.

Motion: St. Clair -- Rowe: That the clause "nor shall he communicate with any player except an official until play has been resumed" in Rule 15, Section 2 be omitted and that proper changes in the questions and answers and in other sections of the book be made to be consistent with this omission. The motion was carried.

Motion: Meanwell -- Allen: That there be inserted in the proper place a provision that a substitute shall report first to the scorer, then to the official and that the game shall proceed immediately thereafter. This motion was carried and the discussion brought out the fact that the note under Rule 5, Section 3 should be changed to be in accordance with the removal of the restriction on communication.

Mr. St. John suggested that a wider free throw line, possibly twelve feet, would be desirable but that the sentiment as expressed on the questionnaire did not seem to warrant a change in this respect at the present time.

Motion: Rowe -- Porter: That this matter be referred to the research committee for experimentation and a report at the next annual meeting. Motion was carried.

The matter of various proposed changes in the three-second rule was thoroughly discussed. There was some sentiment in favor of removing the three-second restriction from a player without the ball in the half of the free throw circle farthest from the basket. There was also some sentiment in favor of extending the application of the three-second rule to a player who was in a pivot post position just outside the lane and near the basket. The result of the discussion was a majority decision in favor of referring the matter to the research committee for further study.



Motion: Porter -- Meanwell: That no change be made in the present face guarding rule. The motion was lost.

Motion: Rogers -- Crocker: That the word "obviously" be removed from the third line of Rule 7, Section 13. This motion was carried and the discussion brought out the belief that the section would be clarified by inserting a question and answer to show that this may be a non-contact foul.

Motion: Allen -- Witte: That the number of allowable time outs be increased from three to four. The motion carried.

The matter of having all held balls brought to the nearest of the three restraining circles for the jump received considerable attention. The experiences of schools on the Pacific Coast, in Utah and in other sections of the country were cited to show that this seemed to be desirable. The questionnaire results indicated a majority opinion in favor of the change. However, there was considerable sentiment to the effect that this would not be very satisfactory in games worked by only one official and that teams might purposely secure a held ball on certain sections of the court in order that the ball might be brought to a more advantageous scoring position.

Motion: Porter -- Swaffield: That all jump balls be held at the nearest one of the three restraining circles. The vote on this motion resulted in a tie. A second vote resulted in 7 yea and 6 nay. The discussion brought out the fact that it was not customary to make a radical change in the rules in case the sentiment was so nearly evenly divided. As a result, a substitute motion was made by Barber -- Bunn: That the matter of jump balls at the nearest restraining circle be referred to the research committee and that it be given a prominent place on next year's questionnaire. This motion was carried.

Motion: Meanwell -- Howe: That a note be added to indicate that when the hands are on the ball that they be considered a part of the ball and that when a defensive player merely makes contact with the hands in such a situation it does not constitute a personal foul. The discussion brought out the fact that this applies only to the hands and not to the wrists or arms. The motion was carried.

Motion: Porter -- Rowe: That the center jump after a successful field goal be eliminated. Before this question was brought to a vote it was moved, seconded and carried that this motion be tabled for one year pending further experimentation.

Suggestion: Mr. Bunn outlined experiments whereby the number of held balls was greatly decreased. He suggested that if the rule were properly interpreted that there should be less than ten held balls per game.

Motion: Porter -- Allen: That the editor be given authority to revise Section 12 and 13 of Rule 6 in order that they may be made more specific and be brought into harmony with developments in connection with scoring and timing. This motion was carried.



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Motion: Porter -- Bunn: That this committee go on record as favoring experimentation by conferences and other organized groups with a two-foot extension of the end lines or the further projection of the backboard into the court. It would be understood that the distance from the backboard to the free throw line would remain fifteen feet. The motion was carried.