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Lawrence, Kansas
February 24, 1940.

Mr. B. T. Grover, President,
National Association of Basketball Coaches,
Ohio University,
Athens, Ohio.

Dear "Butch":

I believe the National Association of Basketball Coaches should pass a resolution of sympathy for the Naismith family. I thought it would be well to bring this to your attention so that you could see that the Naismith family received a copy of such a resolution.

Dr. Naismith's wife and his daughter, Mrs. Maude Anne Dawe, were in to see me this morning, and the family has given permission to the National Association of Basketball Coaches for the award of a "Dr. James Naismith Basketball Trophy", to be presented to the championship team of the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament. I am enclosing herewith a copy of their letter to me. This trophy is to be presented each year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches with the sanction of the Naismith family.

I am wondering what you would think of passing a motion to the effect that the members of Dr. Naismith's family be admitted without charge to any basketball games played by colleges affiliated with your Association anywhere in the United States. Dr. Naismith made such a contribution to the game that some sort of a courtesy card to the immediate members of his family would be a nice gesture to them.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education & Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach.