

ARE YOU A MEMBER? IF NOT JOIN NOW

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ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES? If so, fine. If not, why not mail in your \$2 membership dues today? Your professional pride should demand your cooperation in developing basketball, the purpose of our National Association. Interest in the game of basketball is growing constantly and this is your opportunity to have a part in formulating the program

and the future of this great sport. If you are not familiar with our organization, perhaps you may have some questions to ask? If so your first one might be something like this: "Who is eligible to membership in the Association?"

There are three types of membership in the Association. These are the HONORARY (of which there are very few), the ALLIED, and the ACTIVE. All coaches from institutions which offer a four year Baccalaureate degree and who are actively engaged in the profession of basketball coaching are eligible for Active membership. Other coaches in junior colleges, high schools, and preparatory schools are eligible for Allied membership. The Active type of membership permits all privileges including voting in convention. The Allied member has similar privileges including the floor, but not of voting.

A second question you might ask is, "What can the Association do for me as a basketball coach?" That is a fair question and a relatively simple one to answer. The organization offers many advantages, a few I will list briefly. Most important of all, this is the official group presenting you and your profession, and as a consequence, offers valuable service to you in your chosen field. The Association maintains a very effective system of committees working diligently at the tasks assigned to them. The findings of these committees and the results which they obtain are available to you.

Each year, the rules committee of the Coaches' Association forwards to active and allied members a questionnaire on proposed changes in the basketball rules. Your answers are formulated and brought to the floor of the convention for discussion. The wishes of the group are relayed to the basketball

rules committee. Thus, you have something to say in the adoption of new rules.

The research committee of this group carries out experiments on equipment, rules proposals, and other important matters in the hope of giving to you scientific information. Some of their other worthwhile projects in the past have been studies of the "four foot out of bounds area at the end line," the elimination of the center jump, the new type goal, the new ball, and the proposed 20 inch basket. Part of your fee is given to this committee to carry on these and many other similar experiments.

The Bulletin, official publication of the Association, is sent to all members. Due to a change in policy and management, it has been late this year in reaching our members, but I am confident that in the future we are going to have a much better magazine. The Bulletin is newsy, contains pertinent information regarding the Association, the game, and the coaches' problems. It alone is worth the membership fee. It is positively bulging with information which you will want and need in your work. CAN YOU AFFORD TO MISS IT?

Another reward of an Association membership, and perhaps one of the greatest, is the National Convention. This year we are meeting in New Orleans on March 19, 20, and 21. Those of you who are planning to attend will not only receive a good many ideas concerning your basketball problems, but will enjoy the atmosphere of good fellowship with an excellent social good time which offers opportunity for mingling with coaching personalities from all parts of the country. Can you deny yourself these advantages?

Your membership committee has been working diligently this year. However, the results at the present time are none too gratifying. OUR MEMBERSHIP IS FAR BELOW WHAT IT SHOULD BE. Perhaps this is due to the stress and uncertainty of general economic conditions. I believe, however, that even in times such as these that you will want to see the good work of our Association continued. This can only be done through the support of the basketball coaches of the United States.

If you have not done so, will you please send your membership check, made payable to the National Association of Basketball Coaches, to me, or to Marshall Diebold, Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. DON'T DELAY!!!