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**COPY OF OFFICIAL CALL FOR MEETINGS  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES**

President Kelleher Calls  
Conferences and Executive Committee Meetings

**March 24-25-26, 1944**

Hotel Belvedere  
(Across 49th Street from The Garden)

*During the National Collegiate A. A. and the finals of the Invitation  
Tournaments at Madison Square Garden, New York City*

Because of wartime restrictions, we are asked not to hold our annual convention. Instead we are holding our conferences and executive committee meetings as we did in 1943. We urge every member who can make the trip to New York without overburdening transportation facilities to attend and to take part in the discussions. It seems imperative that the coaches, who can, should meet this year bringing with them the thoughts and feelings of their associates in the various areas.

The Rules Committee is having full sessions Monday and Tuesday following our meetings, and we must send to them a full and clear statement of our problems and our suggested solutions. **IN PARTICULAR, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EVERY OFFICER OF THE ASSOCIATION ATTEND AND EVERY CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE; ALSO EVERY MEMBER WHO HAS HELD OFFICE OR BEEN CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE.**

We must plan for the immediate future as well as for this postwar period.

**"INFORMATION PLEASE"**

At the Hotel Belvedere there will be a "Headquarters" room where you may get information, meet your friends, argue about basketball, and know you are among friends.

At the conferences, reports will be heard from various committee chairmen and from those having special assignments. **HERBERT W. READ**, representing both the Research and the Rules sections, will make a full report on his questionnaire and will preside over the Rules discussion period. **BRUCE DRAKE** will present a special report on "goal tenders." **ADOLPH RUPP** (whose team is in the Invitation Tournament) is Chairman of the Officials' Committee. **HAROLD OLSEN** (whose team is in the N. C. A. A. Tournament) is Chairman of the Tournament Committee. **BILL CHANDLER** is Bulletin Editor and should tell us about that "Penalty Box" experiment.

The N. C. A. A. promises to furnish gratis one ticket for Friday and Saturday nights to each member in good standing of the Coaches Association who attends the conferences.

The Invitation Tournament Committee will provide a ticket for the Sunday night finals, but it may not be gratis.



The luncheon Monday is given by Ned Irish and the Writers' Association.

The high school games Saturday afternoon in the Garden will be open to the coaches.

- N. B. a) Hotel accommodations in New York City are crowded. Make your *own* reservations, and make them early.
- b) We need to know whether you plan to come. Check and mail the enclosed postal card immediately.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES PRE-CONFERENCE MAILING

### THE AGENDA

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 24

- 2.00 P. M. Conference of members of the National Basketball Coaches' Association.  
Reports and discussions.
- 8.00 P. M. N. C. A. A. Tournament, Eastern Section, first round.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 25

- 10.00 A. M. Conference; full discussion of rules, problems, and suggestions; H. W. Read presiding.
- 2.30 P. M. Interscholastic basketball games at the Garden.
- 8.00 P. M. N. C. A. A. Tournament, Eastern Section, final round.

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 26

- 2.00 P. M. Executive Committee officers, Chairmen of Committees, and former presidents.
- 8.00 P. M. Invitation tournament finals.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 27

- 1.00 P. M. Ned Irish invites the coaches as guests to the Writers' luncheon — place to be announced.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 28

- 8.00 P. M. N. C. A. A. Tournament Finals, Eastern vs. Western.

The Invitation Tournament dates are March 16, 20, 22, and 26.

The games between winners of Invitations and N. C. A. A. Tournaments at the Garden will be played for the Red Cross Fund, Thursday, March 30.



## PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS

The 1944 Conference of Basketball Coaches was the nearest to a convention we could have under government rulings. President Kelleher called for a meeting of officers, directors and chairmen of committees. He sent out an invitation to all member coaches who could be in New York City at that time to meet with those summoned in a series of conferences extending from Thursday, March 23, to Tuesday, March 28, inclusive.

The list of those attending some one or more of these conferences is included in this report with short comment thereon. Also there is included a list of those coaches who could not be present but who did send materials, comments and greetings. All of these were an aid and encouragement.

On Thursday morning, President Kelleher held the first conference with his official associates carrying on through lunch and throughout the afternoon. These meetings were primarily for the purpose of setting up policies and procedures to be followed in the enlarged conferences of the next two days. The activities of the year past and projected activities of the year ahead were discussed rather fully. The difficulties of carrying on with half the officer personnel in service and a third of the membership also in service were carefully surveyed. It was decided to continue in as nearly a usual way as possible. It seemed imperative that the men in service should not, because of that, lose their positions in officer progression in the Association. New chairmen and members of committees might be appointed in order to keep activities on the move. A general survey was made of the 1943-44 appointees and of the available men for 1944-45 and lists set up from which to work.

The matter of the Bulletin was seriously studied and discussed and some suggestions made that seemed to have value.

The matter of dues was brought up and decision again given that one payment for the "duration" was sufficient for civilian members and from those in service no dues were desired.

The agenda decided upon followed, in general, the one sent to the members — a copy of which is included.

Friday at 10.00 a. m. the meeting opened at the Belvedere Hotel for registration, information and greeting of friends. One or two pieces of basketball equipment were on exhibition.

The first full meeting opened at 2.30 p. m. on Friday. The reports of that meeting and of succeeding ones are included herein and were made by Howard A. Hobson who kindly consented to assist the harassed Secretary-Treasurer who had too many duties for one man to perform.



**COACHES' MEETING**  
**NATIONAL BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION**

**Hotel Belvedere, March 24, 1944, 2.30 p. m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: See list at end.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by President Ed. Kelleher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. This is not a convention, merely a conference, with over 50 present, and all sections of the country represented.
2. Tickets for tournament games are available for members — Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday — not for new members — check in with Bruce Drake at the registration table.
3. High school games are held Saturday afternoon. Coaches are invited.
4. Monday, 12.45 Toot Shores, 51 W. 51 Street. All coaches are invited for Luncheon. Press: Announcement to be made for man contributing most to basketball. Award for 1943-44.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

1. Bill Chandler, Editorial Committee:

Reports that he got the material for the Bulletin and sent it to Ned Irish, who after a short time said it couldn't be handled by himself, and sent it back to Chandler, who has been too busy to get out the Bulletin. He says we should make definite arrangements at this meeting.

2. Adolph Rupp, Official Committee:

Reports that many of the top officials are in the Armed Forces. Hence we have had to use inferior men but results about the same as usual. Officiating has been about the same caliber as the boys who played this year. He says the first year in the Garden, had screening called seven times, but never since then. We are getting close together; the sections are getting together on this. Intersectional games help.

3. Report on last year's meeting, by Ed Hickox (see Hickox's report).
4. Visual Committee — Nat Holman — some pictures were shown.
5. Tournament Committee, Harold Olsen:

He says there have been many difficulties, but committee have carried on. Travel restrictions have handicapped them somewhat but the ruling of the Pacific Coast Conference not to let teams take part hurt badly in the West. It looks like a banner financial tournament. Reports that N. C. A. A. plan of districts all having officials and these not working only for their own districts is a step in the right direction.



6. Ethics Committee, Bruce Drake:

No regular report, but observations only. Ned Irish hospitality complimented. We should all make visiting teams feel more at home. Comments on officials — we should meet with officials on interpretations, bringing them close together. Says N. C. A. A. asked to take tournament and lost first year about \$2500.00. Now some say participants don't get enough of the profits — suggests that now that it is paying we might have message from coaches' group to executive board of N. C. A. A. that participating leagues take 10 per cent, since the N. C. A. A. treasury is in good shape.

ADOLPH RUPP says he is in favor of this, that in Kentucky football does not help basketball; basketball has to pay, can't enter a tournament when no money is to be made. He says Olsen has done a great job for N. C. A. A., and suggests we help him; makes a motion: That coaches group ask N. C. A. A. to allot a small per cent — 10 to 20 percent. Leaves the percentage to Olsen or N. C. A. A. at present.

BRUCE DRAKE says can't get best teams in N. C. A. A. because of financial set-up.

VAN ALSTYNE (Mich. State) raises the question as to where the tournament is to be held; this makes a difference on finances.

An amendment is suggested by Rupp, that a committee be named to discuss this. The amendment is seconded. Passed unanimously.

BILL CHANDLER says the Coaches' Association started the tournament, and should get a cut — for the Bulletin, etc.

H. OLSEN says the N. C. A. A. is really us, not a separate organization; have given \$1000 or so to Coaches Association, thus indicating interest.

7. High School Committee, Lt. Nuttall:

Observations only. High school calibre of ball not as good. Travel is cut down where bus and cars were used. Eighty per cent of high school coaches are those who have been out of game a long time, or are new.

8. Rules Committee — Research Committee — MR. READ:

Explains the questionnaire was sent to men here and there as best he could — could not cover all coaches. He mentioned equipment — on research — fan shaped board — ball — to come up later. So much for research.

On *rules*: should let no *personal* interest come into play in changing rules.

One suggestion was that all rules remain the same for the duration until we could get larger group together.

Since then a number of the rules committee contacted said some groups, like the high school group, think changes are necessary. *We* should consider necessary changes.

He mentioned "insoluble" issues — that may be thought over and discussed later:



1. Zone defense.
2. 5 or 4 personal fouls: Mentions lengthened playing time; possibility of allowing 5 if both coaches agree or only in tournament; letting player have 4, then leave game 3 minutes — then can come back in until he makes another foul. Most think add a 5th foul.
3. Goal tending:
 

Many feel that this should be done away with. There is a very sharp difference of opinion here. Possibilities are: No interference on downward flight. Eliminate.

Coaches vote 33% for change; 67% leave as is.
4. Eliminate 3 second rule for man without ball.
 

15% yes; 85% no.
5. Unlimited substitution:
 

55% voted for; 45% against. Those "for" maintained that it would be easy to keep track of substitutions, and there would be no problems on going back in.
6. Fan shaped or Rectangular Board. This was a most troublesome question; some sections using fan. 80% voted for rectangular, claiming they had not used fan shaped board. In national rules committee, they feel college coaches have not used the other board — to give it a chance. Both for a while must stay in.
 

20% voted for fan shaped; said they have used it, and feel they get along with it. High school boys seem to say OK, but know no other.

Just why do we want rectangular board?  
Think of reasons.
7. The molded ball.
 

No comments on this problem.

Report was made by Bruce Drake on Goal Tender.

## RECESS

### BRUCE DRAKE'S REPORT:

One would have to play *against* the goal tender to appreciate the need for change.

64 coaches were contacted — 58 say something should be done.

First, we put in 3 sec. rule; this helped some.

You earn the right to the shot, then don't get it.

Will elimination of goal tending make for better basketball?

Does not have any definite solution — but should be changed: Drake's opinion.

Drake has used goal tender, but thinks it does not help game.

Solutions — possibilities:

1. Award goal if touched on downward arc. 49 of 64 coaches thought this. Read list (see his list).



2. Raise basket to 12 feet (2 coaches voted for this).
3. Arc 6 ft. under basket — defensive man stays out when acting as goal tender. 4 voted for this, or A.

Another suggestion says call it unsportsmanlike conduct.

The survey was made of coaches that had played.

**MR. DICKSTEIN'S REPORT — on Goal Tending:**

Experimental Game — Tall man tapping the ball and catching it, then must pass it out — no change in defense except he must catch the ball after tapping it — says worked O. K.

**BILL CHANDLER ON NUMBER OF FOULS:**

Individual personalities must not enter in. It is poor ethics to accuse or publish along this line.

He has the average of fouls called 25 years ago to the present; it has gone from 5 to 15 average per team per game.

Exhibition with De Paul: His son went out at 5" to go back in with 2" — saved the game; got a great ovation — *away from home*. Examples of great players going out.

His suggestion: Put out on four fouls for 3 min., then back in; not sure then whether to allow another foul and then out. Better than 5 fouls — increases suspense.

He suggests that the timekeeper keep track on paper of names and time player going out.

ROY MEYERS: Substantiates Chandler's report, that this device increases suspense; interest on part of the game.

He said that several on both sides in the last of game were out and timers got mixed up.

Does not want retired player called in "Penalty Box."

**YAVITS — Ithaca School of Physical Education:**

Had to play with small number of men due to the war.

Had only 5; had to play 4 or 3 in some cases. Would not have happened with change in personal foul rule.

**ANDERSON — BOWLING GREEN:**

Saw Marquette-DePaul game. He agrees it added interest. What about the last 3 minutes? Suggests 5th foul allowed during the last three minutes of the game.

**COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH MR. OLSEN ON TOURNAMENT PROBLEMS:**

Howard A. Hobson	William Chandler	Adolph Rupp
Frank Keaney		Henry Iba

Meeting to be Saturday morning at ten.

ADJOURNED



10.00 a. m., Saturday, March 25th, 1944

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ed Kelleher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. High School Games at the Garden Saturday afternoon.
2. Luncheon at Toot Shores, 12.45 Monday.
3. Men in service should receive minutes of Meetings; addresses should be given to Secretary, President.
4. Nominating Committee to report on officers for next year. Dr. H. C. Carlson, Chairman. Tony Hinkle, Hec Edmundson.

RULES — MR. READ:

Big question is that high school coaches feel they are the dominant group due to numbers; they do not recognize experience of college coaches as they should. All petty, personal views or feelings should be kept out. Shall we change the rule is the first thing to settle, on each rule brought up. Then we'll discuss ways and means of changing.

Only paid-up members are to vote.

1. Shall we recommend change of the 4 personal foul rule?

32 voted yes; 3 voted no.

a. Allow the fifth personal: Yes, 30.

b. On 4th personal, retire player three minutes:

Discussion: CHANDLER: Again mentions experimental game.

Yes, 8.

c. On 4th personal — one extra shot and ball out of bounds — retire on 5th.

Three voted yes.

The discussion is between *a* and *b*.

Vote on *b* first. Man stays out if he goes out in last three minutes.

Vote on *b*: Yes, 7.

Edmundson says personal fouls in number have increased a lot; the number has levelled off somewhat during the last few years.

We would not be eliminating roughness by putting in greener players, etc.

Vote on *a*: Yes, 29.

2. Do you believe we should adopt some rule regarding goal tending?

Discussion:

HENRY IBA: Plea for the big boy. 14 to 16 shots a game are short — would make jumping impossible — for big man, etc.

NAT HOLMAN: Something should be done — is hurting the game.

BRUCE DRAKE: Plea to make the change.

HOWARD A. HOBSON: The rebound angle.



HAROLD ANDERSON: Something should be done (even though he has a goal tender).

DR. H. C. CARLSON: Raises question of 3 sec. rule for defensive players.

WILLIAM J. FERGUSON: Favors 6 ft. arc.

HEC EDMUNDSON: Asks Holman about 3 sec. rule.

The Vote was 37 yes; and 2 no.

WAYS AND MEANS:

a. Downward flight — around basket:

Yes, 9.

b. Extend 3 sec. rule to defensive team:

Yes, 1.

c. Creating a special zone — widening lane:

Yes, 13.

d. Raise the baskets:

Yes, 2.

e. Abolish 3 sec. rule:

Yes, 10.

REVOTE:

Downward flight: Yes, 14.

3-sec. rule: Yes, 14.

Special zone: Yes, 10.

DRAKE:

Made the motion that *a*, *b*, and *e* all be submitted to the Rules Committee.

This was not voted on.

3. Unlimited Substitutions:

Yes, 13; No, 21.

4. Make 3-sec. rule apply only to man in possession of ball:

Yes, 12; No, 18.

5. Referee can take time out when other team has ball in case of injury:

Yes, 0; No, unanimous.

6. Fan shaped board. Allow no propaganda in rules for any type of equipment:

Yes, unanimous.

7. Experiment with boards:

Yes, unanimous.

8. Time out on all held balls:

Yes, 8; No, the rest.



REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE; was made by DR. H. C. CARLSON:

President: Edward J. Hickox

Vice-Presidents: moved up in usual order.

\*Secretary-Treasurer: Everett Dean.

Board of Directors: add Kelleher and Read; release Norgren.

The report of the Nominating Committee was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD A. HOBSON, *Secretary*

\*Mr. Dean later informed the Executive Committee that he could not attend our meetings until after the war. Howard A. Hobson was then made Secretary-Treasurer for 1944-45.

### **POST-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Sunday, March 26, provided an opportunity for the new officers and Executive Committee to get together and plan for the year ahead.

The various committee members were chosen and the activities to be stressed considered. Some type of bulletin was thought imperative; also some publication of basketball research as well as news was voted. It was determined that the first such publication should be the study by Dr. Carlson. The hope was expressed that through the experience with this first publication we might establish policies and procedures for a series of such.

Discussion also came up as to duties of officers who could not attend because of distance, new duties or membership in naval or military service. It was decided that the secretary-treasurer position needed man who could be present and who was likely to remain civilian. It was voted that if Everett Dean could not come East in 1945, Howard A. Hobson be named secretary-treasurer. Dean informed us later by mail that he would have to pass up the honor and Hobson is our secretary-treasurer. At the time of this writing he is in Europe as civilian aid in promoting basketball. "Man proposes but . . ."

Monday, March 27, Kelleher and Hobson as a committee from the Coaches' Association had a conference with N. C. A. A. members of the National Rules Committee. In the afternoon Herbert Read presented to the whole National Rules group his report prepared from his work as Chairman of the Rules Committee of the National Coaches and as leader of the discussion during the Conferences. Votes of appreciation were given the two tournament committees for courtesies shown Association Members in arrangements to allow them to attend games.

Thanks were voted to Ned Irish and his associates for their hospitality and their efficiency in helping to make all the meetings successful and the tournament days in New York a period to be very pleasantly remembered. Thanks were voted to the Writers' Association and Mr. Irish for the great get-together and complimentary dinner Monday.



March 27. One highlight of this function from our standpoint was the announcement that Oswald Tower had been named by the coaches as proper recipient for 1944 of the award presented by Metropolitan Basketball Committee for outstanding service to basketball. Ed Kelleher really did a grand job in his announcement speech and left Oswald nearly speechless from surprise and emotion. The trophy was presented Oswald in Madison Square Garden at the final N. C. A. A. Games under proper spotlight conditions. The tournaments themselves were wonderfully interesting and presented the finest of situations for enjoyment and discussion among the coaches.

Two coaches who sent in material, later to be reported on, were Lambert of Purdue University and Ackman of Concordia College. This material with other reports and comments will be included in later Bulletins. The 1944 Conferences seemed, to your acting secretary, to have been very worthwhile. Here's hoping the war is soon over and all our membership can gather in a great convention under as inspiring and thought-provoking conditions as have surrounded us for 1944.

EDWARD J. HICKOX, *Acting Secretary-Treasurer*

### BRIEF TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MARCH 15, 1944

Received from Bank at West Point — closing Acct. of		
Treasurer Val Lentz (in service) check .....	\$2,186.22	
Dues collected January to March 15, 1944.....	68.00	\$2,254.22
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Money paid out:		
Postage .....	21.00	
Mimeographed Postal Cards .....	5.50	26.50
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Cash in Bank, Springfield, Mass., March 15, 1944 .....		\$2,227.72

EDWARD J. HICKOX

### REPORT OF SECRETARY

The report of the 1943 Executive Meeting, called by President Kelleher in lieu of a convention, was sent to you some months ago. It need not be repeated here — two hundred and twenty-five copies were sent with stamps sufficient to assure delivery, forwarding, or return to sender. Only a few were returned. Acknowledgment came in personal comment or in checks for unpaid dues from some. Some idea of the present location of our membership was thus obtained.

In February plans began to be formulated for the 1944 meeting dependent largely on the dates and places for the National Tournaments. When



these were determined, President Kelleher and the Secretary-Treasurer came together in New York with letters of suggestion from various members of the Executive Committee to make the plans definite. A week later, another meeting was held in New York with Herbert Read who had accepted the onerous job of handling the Rules Questionnaire and the Rules discussion at the conference. Ned Irish furnished information as to plans of the Tournament committees and assured a hearty welcome to all coaches.

A two-page announcement with return postal was immediately sent out to the two hundred members who would be likely to receive the material—judged from results of the 1943 report mailing.

Thirty-five members sent regrets at being unable to attend but over fifty said "yes," they planned to be present. This was nearly double the number we felt we could expect to come to New York.

Our membership rolls dating back to 1937 included 425 different coaches. 260 have paid their dues for 1942 or the "duration" or both. Many of the others are in service.

A special message was sent to the members of the Executive Committee, chairmen of committees and ex-Presidents urging them to be present. Nine out of fifteen Presidents were with us at this conference. Six of our officers and directors were in uniform and one, at least, has been cited for bravery.

To every member in service or out, whom I can reach, I shall send a report of our meetings accompanied with your name and greetings.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. HICKOX, *Secretary*



**ROLL OF MEMBERS PRESENT IN NEW YORK CITY DURING  
CONFERENCES AND TOURNAMENTS**

National Association Basketball Coaches

**March 24-28, 1944**

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Cody, Josh	Temple University
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Crapser, A. Lester	Springfield YMCA
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Donald, E. W.	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Drake, Bruce	Oklahoma University
Edmundson, C. S.	Washington University
Edwards, G. R.	Missouri University
Ferguson, William J.	St. Joseph's College
Fesler, Wesley E.	Wesleyan University
Flumere, E. A.	Northeastern University
Friddle, Burl	Toledo University
Haire, Robert C.	U. S. Army
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Hickox, Edward J.*	Springfield College
Hinkle, P. D.*	U. S. Navy Great Lakes
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Irish, Ned	Madison Square Garden
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Johnson, Gene	Kansas Wesleyan
Julian, Alvin F.	Muhlenberg College
Keaney, Frank W.	Rhode Island State
Kelleher, E. A.	U. S. Military Academy
Kellett, Don S.	Pennsylvania University
Lange, W. F.	North Carolina University
Lapchick, Joe	St. John's University



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Lawther, J. D.	Penn State
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MacDonald, J. Ellis	U. S. Navy
Mansfield, W. D.	Springfield College
McDonald, A. J.	Missouri Teachers (SW)
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Morse, Arthur	DePaul University
Mundorff, Roy	U. S. Navy
Nitchman, N. W.	U. S. Coast Guard Academy
Nuttall, F. R.	U. S. Navy
Olsen, H. G.*	Ohio State University
Oosting, R.	Trinity College
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Porter, H. V.	Chicago, Illinois
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Read, H. W.	Western Michigan College
Ripley, Elmer*	Columbia University
Rupp, A. F.	Kentucky University
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St. Claire, J. W.*	Southern Methodist
Seelbach, A. C. (Since deceased)	Canisius College
Shepard, N. W.	Davidson College
Stahl, Floyd	Harvard University
Stutz, Stan J.	Suffern High School
Van Alstyne, B. F.*	Michigan State College
White, Don*	Connecticut University
Williams, C. H.	Hampton Institute
Wilson, E. B.	Cornell University
Yavits, I.	Ithaca College

\*Were members in 1927-28 when Association was being organized. Eleven of these sixteen members attended the first regular convention in Chicago, 1928. Eleven of these sixteen are still at the same Institution as in 1928.

Of the twelve coaches having teams in the 1944 tournaments, eleven are members of the association and eight have been members more than five years.

Of the sixteen who have held presidency nine were present.



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 Haylett, A. E.  
 Hinshaw, R. S.  
 Lambert, Eugene  
 Lambert, W. L.  
 Lance, J. F.  
 Lewandowski, A. J.  
 Liston, Emil  
 Mauer, John  
 Norgren, Nels  
 Needles, J. R.  
 Orsley, Jack  
 Paul, John  
 Rheinhardt, J. C.  
 Reitz, Emil  
 Slyker, N. V.  
 Tillotson, R. E.  
 Watkins, R. D.  
 Wolf, F. N.  
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 Van Winkle  
 Harrison, Pop

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 Purdue University  
 Kansas State Teachers  
 Nebraska University  
 Baker University  
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## **BASKETBALL COACHES CREED**

### **National Association of Basketball Coaches**

I BELIEVE that basketball has an important place in the general educational scheme and pledge myself to cooperate with others in the field of education to so administer it that its value never will be questioned.

I BELIEVE that other coaches of this sport are as earnest in its protection as I am, and I will do all in my power to further their endeavors.

I BELIEVE that my own actions should be so regulated at all times that I will be a credit to the profession.

I BELIEVE that the members of the National Basketball Rules Committee are capably expressing the rules of the game, and I will abide by these rules in both spirit and letter.

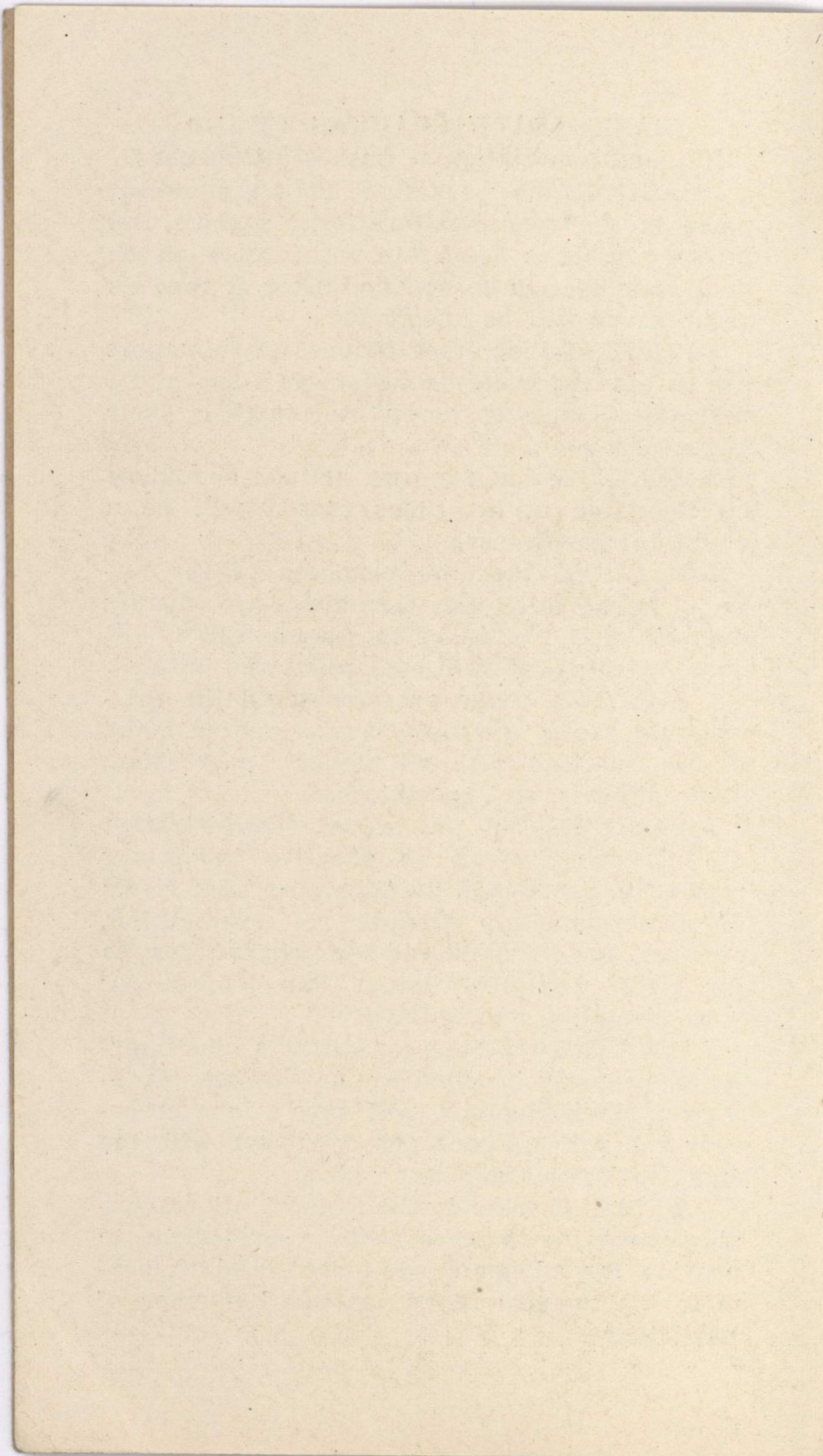
I BELIEVE in the exercise of all the patience, tolerance, and diplomacy at my command in my relations with all players, co-workers, game officials, and spectators.

I BELIEVE that the proper administration of this sport offers an effective laboratory method to develop in its adherents high ideals of sportsmanship; qualities of cooperation, courage, unselfishness and self-control; desires for clean, healthful living; and respect for wise discipline and authority.

I BELIEVE that these admirable characteristics, properly instilled by me through teaching and demonstration, will have a long carry-over and will aid each one connected with the sport to become a better citizen.

I BELIEVE in and will support all reasonable moves to improve athletic conditions, to provide for adequate equipment, and to promote the welfare of an increased number of participants.







**CONSTITUTION OF  
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Of  
BASKETBALL COACHES  
Of The  
UNITED STATES**

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**ARTICLE I**

**Name and Affiliation**

The name of this organization shall be THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES OF THE UNITED STATES. Said Association is a recognized affiliate of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

**ARTICLE II**

**Objects and Purposes**

The objects and purposes of this Association shall be:

1. To foster and encourage the playing of the game of basketball in accordance with the finest traditions of interschool athletic competition;
2. To require adherence at all times to the Basketball Coaches Code;
3. To maintain at all times a membership group which shall be representative of the various sections of the United States and, as such, conducive to the establishment of friendly contacts and good understanding between coaches of the different sections;
4. To promote constructive discussion and the dissemination of information relative to the game of basketball or its general welfare, or such aspects or phase thereof as may be of general interest; and, in general



5. To further at all times the best interests and well-being of the game of basketball, and to maintain it in its proper plane in the scheme of education.

## ARTICLE III

### Membership

Section 1. There shall be three (3) classes of membership: Active, allied, and honorary.

Section 2. Coaches from institutions which offer a four year baccalaureate degree and who are actively engaged in the profession of basketball coaching shall be eligible for active membership.

Section 3. Individuals who have been associated with basketball coaching at any institution of learning, including junior colleges, normal schools, high schools, and preparatory schools; former active members who are no longer actively engaged in or directly associated with the profession of basketball coaching; and individuals who are interested in the well-being of the game and in the attainment of the objects and purposes of this Association, as set forth in Article II hereof, shall be eligible for allied membership.

Section 4. Any individual nominated by the Membership Committee and elected by a two-thirds vote of active members present at the annual meeting shall be eligible for honorary membership and, upon acceptance, shall be so enrolled.

Section 5. All members shall have the privilege of the floor at meetings of the Association, but the privilege of voting at such meetings shall be exercised only by active members.



## ARTICLE IV

### Election of Members

Section 1. Each applicant for active or allied membership shall sign an application blank, stating his desire and intention to become a member of the Association and to advance its best interests in every reasonable manner and to accept as binding upon himself its constitution and by-laws. Each such application shall be accompanied by a tender of all fees currently payable, as provided in Article V hereof. In the event such applicant shall thereafter be not elected to membership, the amount tendered in payment of such shall be refunded.

Section 2. Election of candidates for membership shall be proposed and recommended by at least two members of the Membership Committee, which shall refer the application to the Board of Directors, the majority vote of the Board of Directors being necessary to elect.

## ARTICLE V

### Membership and Convention Fees

Section 1. All active and allied members shall pay an annual membership fee of two dollars (\$2.00).

Section 2. In addition to such annual membership fee, all active members attending the annual meeting shall pay a convention fee of three dollars (\$3.00).



**ARTICLE VI**  
**Cancellation and Reinstatement**  
**Of Membership**

Section 1. The cancellation of any membership for cause may be recommended by any member of the Board of Directors, and, upon cause being shown, after notice to an opportunity to be heard on the part of the holder of such membership, the same may be cancelled by a two-thirds vote of such board.

Section 2. The provisions of Section 1 of this article shall not apply to delinquents in the payment of the fees specified in Article V hereof. Any member delinquent for one year in the payment of any fee payable under the provisions of said Article V shall be dropped from the roll of memberships by the Secretary-Treasurer, whose action shall be final, subject to the provisions of Section 4 of this article.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Officers**

Section 1. Officers shall be elected from active members of the Association as follows: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Editor.

Section 2. The term of office shall be one year.

Section 3. Nominations to such offices shall be made by the Nominating Committee.

Section 4. Each of the foregoing officers shall serve without compensation; provided that during the term of their respective offices, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Editor shall be relieved from the necessity of paying fees specified in Sections 1 and 2 of Article V hereof.



Section 3. Any member whose membership has been cancelled for cause, as provided in Section 1 of this article, may, either in person or through some member of the Association, appeal to the Association at an annual meeting thereof, and the action upon the question of a majority of the members present at such meeting shall be considered final.

Section 4. Any individual whose name has been dropped from the membership rolls, as provided in Section 2 of this article, may apply for reinstatement to the Membership Committee, such application to be accompanied by a tender of all fees currently payable, as provided in Article V hereof, and all fees as to which such individual has been delinquent. Thereupon the procedure specified in Article IV hereof shall be followed. No individual eligible for reinstatement as herein provided shall be eligible to apply for election as a new member under provisions of said Article IV.



## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Duties Of Officers**

Section 1. Duties of the President and Vice-President shall be those usually pertaining to such offices. The Secretary-Treasurer shall supervise the Association correspondence, maintenance of roster, notices of meetings, all finances of the Association, and such other duties as are incident to this office. The Secretary-Treasurer shall make an annual report to the Association. The Editor shall supervise the gathering and selection of material for, and all matters connected with, the publication of the official bulletin of the Association.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Board Of Directors**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers specified above and four members of the Association elected at large at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Each of said four members elected at large shall serve a term of one year; provided that, upon the election of such a member to one of the offices specified in Article VII, the position of such member at large shall be deemed to be vacant. The retiring president shall become automatically a member of the board for the year following his term of office.

Section 3. The Board shall have complete control and management of the Association's affairs, funds, and property.

Section 4. The Board shall hold an annual meeting at the time and place specified for the holding of the annual meeting of the Association as provided in Section 1 of Article XIII hereof.



Section 5. Special meetings shall be held at such times and places as may be designated by the President.

Section 6. Six (6) members of the Board shall at any meeting constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE X

### Standing Committees

1. MEMBERSHIP. The President shall appoint one active coach to serve as District Representative of this Association in each of the districts of the country as it is divided by the National Collegiate Athletic Association for athletic purposes. The President shall designate one of the District Representatives to serve as chairman on the Membership Committee, to check with the various District Representatives as to conditions of membership in their respective territory.

2. CONVENTION

3. PRESS

4. COACHING ETHICS

5. BASKETBALL RULES

6. RESEARCH

7. OLYMPIC

## ARTICLE XI

### Temporary Committees

1. NOMINATING. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the President at the annual meeting for the following meeting.

2. SPECIAL. The President shall be empowered to appoint one or more special committees to act either in conjunction with or independently of any of the standing committees whenever, in his estimation, specific and temporary investigation, reports, or work appear to assist the Association in realizing its objects and purposes.



## ARTICLE XII

### Elections

Nominations shall be made by the Nominating Committee or in open meeting. Election of officers shall be by voice or ballot. A candidate for each office who shall receive the highest number of votes for said office shall be declared elected. The election shall be held under the direction of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at a time and place to be set by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. One-fifth of the Association's active members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Voting shall be by voice with the exception of the election of officers.

Section 4. The usual order of business shall be:

1. Introduction of new members.
2. Roll call.
3. Reading and approval of minutes.
4. Reports of officers.
5. Report of Board of Directors.
6. Standing Committee reports.
7. Other Committee reports.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Adjournment.



## ARTICLE XIV

### Amendments

Section 1. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The proposed amendment, together with the opinion or recommendation of the Directors, shall be read to a quorum of active members at the annual meeting; and a two-thirds majority of the members present, voting in person or by proxy, shall be necessary for the adoption of the said amendment.

## ARTICLE XV

### Districts

Section 1. For the purposes of this Association, the United States shall be divided into eight athletics districts as follows:

1. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut.
2. New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia.
3. Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, Florida.
4. Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota.
5. Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma.
6. Texas, Arizona, Arkansas.
7. Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Montana.
8. California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada.



# HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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## Founded As An Emergency Organization

Formation of the National Association of Basketball Coaches of the United States started as an emergency measure for the presentation of a united opinion to combat a specific situation. The crisis arose in the spring of 1928 when the Joint Basketball Rules Committee, then the central governing authority, announced without previous warning that it had adopted a change in the rules which virtually eliminated the dribble.

Many of the game's leading coaches felt that such a drastic alteration should not have been made without their knowledge and consent; that the change was not only unnecessary but actually was detrimental in that it robbed the offense of one of its most potent weapons. Finding that individual protests were of no avail a group of mid-Western coaches called a protest meeting to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, at the time of the Drake Relays in May, 1928.

Approximately fifty university, college and high school coaches attended. Dr. F. C. Allen of the University of Kansas was elected chairman. A resolution which appealed to the rules committee to reconsider its action was adopted unanimously. Fearing, however, that the rules body might consider this vote as not representative a committee was appointed to collect opinions from leading coaches in other sec-



tions of the country. When the nation-wide protest was presented to the Rules Committee it hurriedly decided to postpone the adoption of the change for one year. It is worthy of note that the dribble still is in the code.

The group at Des Moines, in its further discussions of basketball concluded that the coaches should have a greater voice in the game's affairs and that the only way to obtain it was by united effort. Action on this conclusion resulted in the appointment of a committee to enlist the support of coaches in other sections in the formation of a national organization; to draft a preliminary constitution; and to arrange for the first convention.

### **Evolved Into a National Association**

Through the efforts of this committee the first annual convention was held in Chicago in 1929 at which time officers were elected, a constitution adopted, and general policies agreed upon. These policies are outlined in the statement of objects in the constitution.

A report presented at this meeting showed that the make-up of the Joint Basketball Rules Committee was not representative of all sections of the United States. Acting on this information the Association requested all interested organizations to aid in correcting the situation. As a result basketball is now governed by the National Basketball Rules Committee which is composed of authorities from every section.

Since 1928 annual conventions have been held in which all phases of basketball have been discussed. The year, date and presiding officer at these meetings have been:



Year	Place	President
1928	Des Moines, Ia.—	Dr. F. C. Allen, University of Kansas (Chairman)
1929	Chicago, Ill.—	Dr. F. C. Allen, University of Kansas
1930	Chicago, Ill.—	J. Craig Ruby, University of Illinois
1931	New York, N. Y.—	L. P. Andreas, Syracuse University
1932	Chicago, Ill.—	A. A. Schabinger, Creighton University
1933	New York, N. Y.—	H. G. Olsen, Ohio State University
1934	Atlanta, Ga.—	Roy Mundorff, Georgia Tech
1935	Chicago, Ill.—	Howard Ortner, Cornell University
1936	New York, N. Y.—	A. C. Lonborg, Northwestern University
1937	Chicago, Ill.—	Dr. H. C. Carlson, University of Pittsburgh
1938	Chicago, Ill.—	George R. Edwards, University of Missouri
1939	Chicago, Ill.—	W. S. Chandler, Marquette University

### Record of Service

Conventions of the Association have been marked by serious and unselfish efforts to further the best interests of basketball as it is played in the schools of the United States. The members are certain that the contributions of ideas combined with investigative and other types of work have had much influence in bringing better control and greater popular appeal to the game.

Details concerning the game's playing rules occupy much of the interest of the group. The



work of the Association in this respect is entirely advisory. It seeks to discover all difficulties, to search for solutions, and to recommend general types of action to the Rules Committee. That these deliberations are thorough, unselfish and sound is demonstrated by the action of the Rules Committee in adopting practically every suggestion which has had support of the vast majority of the Association's members. A partial list of rules changes or adaptations which have been initiated in this Association and which are now in the rule book include:

1. Division of the court by the center line and incorporation of the ten second provisions;
2. The three second restrictions in the offensive freethrow circle;
3. Installation of the center jump restraining circle;
4. Modification of the center jump regulations;
5. Increase of intermission between halves to fifteen minutes;
6. Standardization of interpretations in blocking, screening and face guarding;
7. Optional extension of the end line to a distance four feet behind the backstop.

As important as have been these efforts to improve the rules they have not been the only concern of the Association. The Research Committee has conducted many scientific experiments with game conditions and materials which have resulted in their improvement, and



the work of this committee in testing proposed rule changes has uncovered facts which proved the fallacy or soundness of many theories. Aiding in the experimental efforts the labors of the Visual Research Committee have done much to demonstrate better methods of teaching as well as in the standardization of rules interpretations.

Keenly realizing that the concomitant learnings in a sport are as important in its contributions as are skill developments the Association early established a Committee on Ethics which has done notable work in concentrating attention on proper conduct and the place of basketball in the teaching of good citizenship.

In the administrative field the Association also has rendered fine service. Through its Bulletin members have been given monthly news of developments in other sections of the country. Exchange of experiences and ideas between members at conventions has smoothed out many administrative problems concerned with the operation of contests, the making of schedules, and the handling of crowds.

Through the strenuous efforts of the Olympic Committee headed by Dr. F. C. Allen basketball was included in the Olympic Games at Berlin and probably will be on the program at all future Olympiads. In this connection the Association conducted a nation-wide drive for funds which enabled it to send Dr. James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, to the Berlin Olympics as a good will ambassador of the basketball men in the United States to the game's leaders from the rest of the world.



Recently the problems connected with the operation of tournaments of national scope for colleges were considered by the Association. A National Tournament Committee was formed to investigate and has worked with the National Collegiate Athletic Association in the organization and promotion of sectional and final tournaments for N. C. A. A. member schools.

Thus, the National Association of Basketball Coaches of the United States is interested in every factor which affects the welfare of the game. It believes that the service it has rendered in the past has justified its existence, and is convinced that basketball is a better game because its teachers are united in a permanent organization to protect and maintain its valuable features.







THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES  
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February 21, 1942

To the Members of the Research Committee and  
the Basketball Rules Committee of the NBBCA:

Gentlemen:

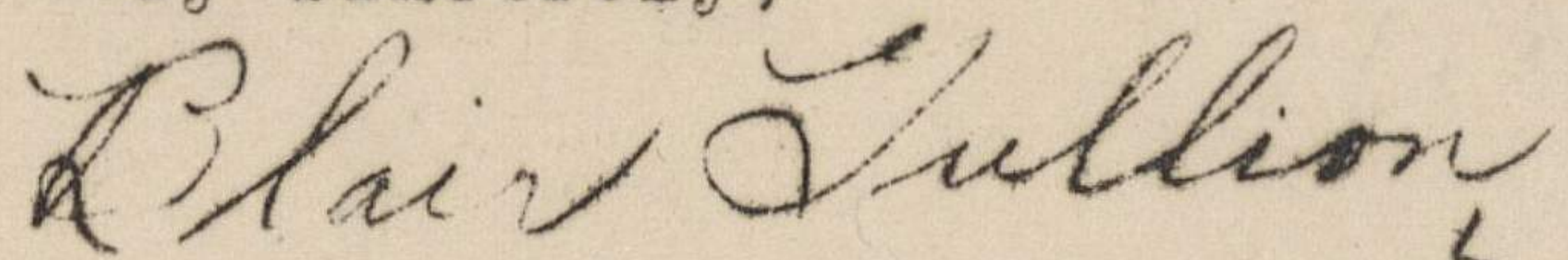
Due to the resignation of Dr. Forrest C. Allen of the University of Kansas as Chairman of the Basketball Rules Committee, our President has requested the Research Committee to take over the important duty of arranging a questionnaire on rules proposals to be presented to every college coach in the United States prior to our meeting in New Orleans.

The results of this study will be correlated with the findings of the Research Committee of the Joint Basketball Rules Committee headed by H. V. Porter. This objective evidence should meet the common criticism that we are only presenting the viewpoint of the few members of our Association. These findings will also be presented to the N.C.A.A. representatives on the Joint Rules Committee.

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Anticipating your prompt cooperation, I am

Very sincerely,



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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES

February 27, 1942

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1942 Basketball Questionnaire for College Coaches

For the Opinion of College Coaches on the Problems of the College Game

February 28, 1942

Dear Basketball Coach:

Numerous rules changes in past years have not been satisfactory to the members of the college basketball coaching profession. Many have felt that the National Rules Committee had been acting in an arbitrary manner in the adoption of new equipment and the formulation of new rules.

The Research Committee of the National Association of Basketball Coaches has made a careful study of the above situation and feel that a measure of the difficulty in the problem rests in the failure of the COLLEGE COACHES TO PRESENT AN ADEQUATE CROSS SECTION OF THEIR OPINIONS.

The attached questionnaire is being mailed to every college and university basketball coach in the United States. Your prompt return of the questionnaire to me will enable this association to present a definite, accurate picture of your desires relative to the conduct of the college game for the next year. PLEASE RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE IMMEDIATELY.

PART I. DATA RELATIVE TO BASKETBALL EQUIPMENT

A. BACKBOARDS:

- (1) Check backboard installation now used for games played in your gymnasium:
  - (a) Rectangular..... Wood.....Metal.....Glass.....
  - (b) Fan-shaped..... Wood.....Metal.....Glass.....
- (2) List total number of games played by your team during the present season in which the
  - (a) Rectangular board was used.....  
no. of games
  - (b) Fan-shaped backboard was used.....  
no. of games
- (3) Do you and your players prefer the
  - .....(a) Rectangular backboard
  - .....(b) Fan-shaped backboard
  - .....(c) Find either equally satisfactory.
- (4) Do you plan during the 1942-43 season to
  - .....(a) Retain the rectangular board
  - .....(b) Retain the fan-shaped board
  - .....(c) Install the fan-shaped board
  - .....(d) Replace the fan-shaped board
- (5) Do you believe that, in the light of the present demand for conservation of materials for the war effort, that the trend toward the FAN-SHAPED backboard in the college games would be a logical procedure? YES..... NO.....
- (6) List number of backboards of each type which are installed in your gymnasium.
  - (a) Rectangular backboards.....  
no. of boards
  - (b) Fan-shaped backboards.....  
no. of boards



(7) Check your preference to the wording of the rule relative to the official or standard backboard:

- .....(a) The rectangular backboard is standard but the fan-shaped backboard is also legal.
- .....(b) The fan-shaped backboard is standard but the rectangular backboard is also legal.
- .....(c) The rectangular backboard is the only legal backboard.
- .....(d) The fan-shaped backboard is the only legal backboard.

**BASKETBALLS:**

(1) Check basketball used by your team in home games:

- .....(a) Stitched or sewn laceless ball.
- .....(b) Stitched or sewn lace ball.
- .....(c) Molded or Last-Bilt type of ball.

Check type or make of molded ball if you feel that there is a radical difference in molded types of basketballs.....

(2) In how many of your games during the present season did you use the

- (a) Stitched ball.....  
no. of games
- (b) Molded or Last-Bilt ball.....  
no. of games

(3) Which type of basketball would you and your players prefer were your choice uninfluenced by conference affiliations?

- .....(a) Stitched.
- .....(b) Molded.
- .....(c) Either equally satisfactory.

(4) Check type of ball used in home games during past two seasons and type you expect to use in 1942-43 season:

- (a) 1941 Season: Stitched Ball.....Molded Ball.....
- (b) 1942 Season: Stitched Ball.....Molded Ball.....
- (c) 1943 Season: Stitched Ball.....Molded Ball.....

(5) Have any of your opponent's complained because you (in games on your home court) used the

- (a) Stitched ball—YES.....NO.....
- (b) Molded ball—YES.....NO.....

(6) Check your preference to the wording of the rule relative to the official or standard basketball:

- .....(a) The stitched or sewn ball is the standard ball but the molded ball is also legal.
- .....(b) The molded ball is the standard ball but the stitched ball is also legal.
- .....(c) The stitched or sewn ball is the only legal basketball for the college game.
- .....(d) The molded basketball is the only legal basketball for the college game.

**BASKET RING AND ATTACHMENT PLATE COLOR:**

Experimentation has been conducted this year in several sections with various colorings of the basket rim or ring and the attachment plates or braces. The basket rim or ring is now black by the present rule as are the attachment plates and braces; tests have been made with the ring painted orange or red and with the attachment plates painted white to blend in with the backboard.

(1) Do you prefer that the attachment plate and braces be painted:

- .....(a) Black (present rule).
- .....(b) White (proposed rule).

(2) Do you prefer that the basket ring (rim) be painted:

- .....(a) Orange
- .....(b) Red
- .....(c) Black

**TEMPERATURE CONTROL:**

(1) List below what you consider the appropriate temperature of the gymnasium for game play.

- (a).....degrees.



**LIGHTING:**

(1) If you have played on a court lighted by fluorescent bulbs did you find the lighting of this type:

- .....(a) More satisfactory.
- .....(b) Equally satisfactory.
- .....(c) Less satisfactory.

**FLOOR:**

(1) List in order from *one to four* the type of basketball floor which you have found most satisfactory:

- .....(a) Tile.
- .....(b) Composition.
- .....(c) Blocks-on-end.
- .....(d) Regular wood flooring.

(2) There is still a lack of uniformity in observance of the amount of end space behind the backboard; the rules recommend four feet but permit two feet in cases where the four feet cannot be obtained. Some members of our association report that some few schools have not adopted the four foot rule where it is possible for them to do so.

Do you think that the rules governing the college game should insist that the four foot zone should be imperative and not optional?

YES..... NO.....

(3) Do you feel that the three foot restraining line to protect the player throwing the ball in from out-of-bounds should legally be required to be painted on all courts? YES..... NO.....

**PART II. REACTION TO RULES CHANGES MADE LAST SPRING BY THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE**

(1) The change to permit substitution after a successful field goal has brought about a problem in all sections of the country. Officials have evidenced considerable difficulty in signalling for the substitution prior to the ball being thrown in from out-of-bounds by the team scored upon. Some coaches are using this rule to substitute in an effort to "save the clock". Several alternatives are presented in regard to this rule; check your choice of possibilities below:

- .....(a) Allow no substitution after a field goal is scored as prior to this year.
- .....(b) Have official handle the ball after a field goal is scored, thus allowing an interval for the Timer and Scorer to handle the signalling device so the substitute may enter the game.
- .....(c) Retain the rule as now worded in the book.

(2) The rule permitting the player to stay for an unlimited time in the outer half of the free throw circle is satisfactory.

YES..... NO.....

**HAVE THE RULES LISTED BELOW PROVED SATISFACTORY?**

(3) If a multiple foul occurs and the last is a technical foul, the ball is awarded to the throwing team at mid-court after last throw or throw for the technical foul. YES..... NO.....

(4) Definite time limits are established for acts such as double foul, multiple foul and blowing of the Scorer's horn.

YES..... NO.....

(5) When the unobstructed space outside the boundary lines is less than three feet, a narrow broken line should be drawn in the court parallel with and three feet inside of the boundary lines. When such a three foot restraining line is used, it should be treated the same as a boundary line while the ball is being put in play from out of bounds and until it has crossed such line. YES..... NO.....

**PART. III RULES PROPOSALS FOR 1942-43**

(1) Possession of the ball after free throws:

(a) After last free throw for any personal foul, award the ball to the throwing (offended team) at mid-court, *if throw is successful*. YES..... NO.....

(b) Make ball dead after all free throws (*successful or unsuccessful*) and award the ball to the throwing team at mid-court. YES..... NO.....

(c) Make ball in play, if free throw for technical foul is not successful. YES..... NO.....

(2) Prohibit successive charged time-outs without an intervening play. YES..... NO.....

(3) Penalize *any foul* which occurs while the ball is dead as a technical foul (unsportsmanlike conduct) and not as a personal foul. YES..... NO.....

(4) After a field goal, remove the right of a player to pass the ball along the end line to a team-mate who is also out of bounds. YES..... NO.....



- (5) Permit a fifth personal foul before disqualification.  
 YES..... NO.....
- (6) If the rule proposal to grant a fifth personal foul before disqualification is not adopted, allow each player *legally in the game at the start of the extra period* ONE ADDITIONAL PERSONAL FOUL.  
 YES..... NO.....
- (7) Provide for ONE SCORER, ONE TIMER, and ONE INSPECTOR; the INSPECTOR to assist both the TIMER and SCORER and to be SOLELY responsible to the REFEREE.  
 YES..... NO.....
- (8) By grouping the similar rules provisions together to condense the code to 10 RULES instead of the present 15 RULES.  
 YES..... NO.....
- (9) Due to the rigorous nature of the college game and the longer playing period, divide the play into four ten minute quarters (with two minute intermission between the first and second periods and the third and fourth periods and with 15 minutes intermission between the second and third period) and abolish the present practice of playing the college game in twenty minute halves.  
 YES..... NO.....
- (10) Do you favor the suggestion of enforced time-outs at specified intervals for the college game? YES..... NO.....
- (11) Proposals regarding the center jump:  
 (a) Do you favor the return to the center jump as previous to action abolishing it? YES..... NO.....  
 (b) Do you favor its return after successful field goals? YES..... NO.....  
 (c) Do you favor the return to the center jump after successful free throws for personal fouls? YES..... NO.....  
 (d) Do you favor the return of the center jump as in (a) with the players ROTATING IN ORDER in the jumping positions?  
 YES..... NO.....  
 (e) Do you favor the return to the center jump in the last five minutes of the game as a measure to prevent intentional fouling during the latter part of games by the team which is behind? YES..... NO.....  
 (f) Do you favor the rule as now stated in the book? YES..... NO.....
- (12) Would you favor calling the intentional foul to gain possession of the ball late in the game or to prevent a player breaking free for the basket at any time in the game a personal foul and a technical foul (unsportsmanlike conduct) respectively, with the ball being awarded to the offended team at mid-court after the fouls are attempted. In no case would the team be allowed more than two free throws on the single play.  
 YES..... NO.....
- (13) Do you feel that there is need for legislation limiting the length of time a player may play during each half or enforcing substitution of players after a given length of time? YES..... NO.....

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