

with the result in doubt until the finish.

RESULTS OF INCLUDING BASKETBALL IN THE OLYMPICS

1. The game has earned a permanent place on the program with an initial entry list of twenty-two countries.
2. A more prominent place seems assured in the next Olympics to be held in Japan where the game has assumed national importance. Japanese authorities intend to provide much better facilities.
3. There may be a classification of players according to height.
4. Girls teams may be included.
5. A wooden floor may be used even if play is out-of-doors.
6. It is probable that two officials will handle each game.
7. The number of eligible players for each game probably will be increased to ten.
8. The rules will be simplified rather than made more complicated as most of the teams have neither the facilities nor personnel to live up to the new technique. Most of the foreign coaches are teaching the game as a sideline to their regular duties as Y.M.C.A. directors, missionaries, and teachers.

A CHANGE OF EMPHASIS IS NEEDED

Coaches Have Stressed Details of Legislation
and Playing Technique While Avoiding
Game Administrative Problems

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The members of our organization have contributed greatly in the legislative and technical advancement of Basketball, but there is much to be done along the lines of administration. Revolutionary changes have been introduced into the rules. By means of clinics, coaching schools and writings there have been marked improvements in the technique of teaching and playing. The administration has lagged behind for various reasons which include elastic interpretations, conduct of coaches, and variable officiating. The needs of administration should receive emphatic action and advertisement in order to improve the most apparent weaknesses of our game. Legislation and technique have had their beginnings. In order to derive the greatest value from these advancements, everybody must help in bringing the administration angle up to par.

"Interpretation" is blamed for too many shortcomings by coaches, players, and officials. "Misinterpretation" is more appropriate. This blind of "interpretation" includes every shade and tint from rewriting the rules to the most asinine practices of officiating. Experiences have shown that there is some tendency to favor the offense in the West, and to favor the defense in the East. Movies of the play in the West have shown what offensive tactics are compatible with the rule book, viz., that the player is entitled to any position by priority. Movies taken in