

8. Home teams shall designate the make and type of ball to be used in the game. For each game the home team is to prepare two new balls. These may be used by both teams in pre-game practice, and the referee is to select from these the one to be used in the game.

9. When two officials are used the head official is the one named first in the assignment by the conference secretary. The head official determines the justification for game delay as given in Rule 5, Section 2.

10. The starting time as given by the home officials shall be the official time. Referees and visitors should check their watches by this time.

11. Under Rule 5, Section 2, a substitute is not to be recognized by the scorer until he has removed his warm-up suit and is ready for play. Also, a substitute after having reported to the referee must participate in at least one play regardless of his acceptance by his captain.

12. The game officials shall wear vertical striped black and white shirts and dark blue trousers.

13. After a substitute has reported to the scorer he must enter the game at the first dead ball.

14. This conference urges officials to penalize every deliberate coaching attempt from either bench, as well as derogatory remarks to officials by anyone officially connected with either team.

The above list represents some definite agreements between coaches of the two major college conferences in the Missouri Valley territory. Other groups have these and additional agreements. The editor would appreciate receipt of such agreements with the expectation of submitting all lists to a committee of this Association for redrafting into a uniform code for game administration.

GEORGE R. EDWARDS, University of Missouri

MAJORITY STILL FAVORS THREE SECOND CHANGE

Two rather contradictory ideas were sent by the coaches to the National Rules Committee last spring: One recommended a minimum amount of tampering with the rules; and the other asked for a modification of the three second provisions which would free the half of the freethrow circle nearest center court from this regulation. In choosing between these two the committee favored the first and suggested that the three second rule be tried another year. Since the requested modification of the three second limitation met unanimous approval of the coaches many mentors have felt that its refusal was a direct slap by the rule makers at this Association. It appears, however, that the Rules Committee simply has followed a sound policy of evolution rather than one of revolution, and will make changes in the future only when convinced that the game will be improved.

Roy Clifford, Western Reserve University at Cleveland, has undertaken the task of collecting all possible information regarding the opinions and use of a modified three second rule so that both the coaches and rules makers will be able to base their votes on definite facts. Western Reserve will play practically all of its twenty-two games under the modification and will keep records of the results. In addition, he has taken a census of our membership and will tabulate the opinions. Mr. Clifford's first report is incomplete but lists more than sixty schools whose coaches favor the modification. Of the replies received 85% want a change in the present rule.