

THE BALL

Colleges have quite generally preferred to play with the old type of basketball. No doubt it would be wise to agree upon a uniform ball, to eliminate the different types now so widely advertised.

PHYSICAL SET-UP

It is believed the coaches' association should make a recommendation concerning baskets (especially with respect to the various types of rims now used) and nets. Naturally, the glass backboard is not important. The present size seems to be pretty generally accepted as being correct. However, there have been some suggestions that the basket might be raised another six inches on the board, to allow for more "banking" space.

GOAL TENDING

Dr. Forrest Allen has been promoting the twelve foot basket for some time because of the ability of some tall players to deflect the flight of the ball, so that a basket from the field could not be scored. The majority of the members of the committee did not favor elevation of the basket. Most of them are in accord with the rule which will be proposed under Recommendations.

RE COMMENDATIONS

1. Game to consist of four periods instead of two, following the high school precedent.

The committee is in favor of playing the game in four periods of ten minutes each. Elimination of the center jump has increased the mental and physical fatigue of the players. In the past year the addition of the extra time out was of considerable assistance. However, not all teams used their quota of time outs, and it is the belief of the committee that this forced intermission of two minutes duration during each half would provide relaxation for spectators, players, and in a lighter vein, coaches.

2. Intentional Foul. Dissatisfaction has been expressed with respect to the present penalty for the intentional foul. During the last A.A.U. tournament in Denver, five intentional fouls were made by one of the teams during the last two minutes of play, in an attempt to secure possession of the ball and come from behind to win. The committee believes that an intentional foul should be penalized by one free throw, time to be out during the play, and the ball to be awarded the offended team in their front court, following the foul whether made or not. (Or option of declining foul)

3. Three Second Rule. It is the general consensus of all the committee that the three second ruling should apply only after a player in the land or free throw circle has the ball in his possession.