

Lawrence, Kansas
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Mr. Don S. White,
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Storrs, Connecticut.

Dear Don:

I have your letter of the 26th ultimo requesting information on our knowledge or evaluation of the advantages or faults of the new rule.

I am chairman of the Fifth District of the National Rules Committee and I have had a great deal of correspondence with H. V. Porter, secretary of the Rules body, on the changes in rules and have helped prepare the questionnaire, so I am wondering just what I should say to you on this matter.

I wrote Porter that I thought we ought to take a poll and find out what the coaches and others thought of the elimination of the center tip-off. There is quite an agitation to slow the game down somewhat, and there are many people who feel that we should restore the center jump with the rotation of jumpers, much after the manner of the batting order in baseball.

There is another thing that I think should come up for consideration and that is to permit a man to re-enter the game three times instead of two times, as the rules now are.

There are a lot of smaller things that we could consider, and in the main I will go along with you as chairman of the committee and Clair Bee, last year's chairman, in endeavoring to let the rules alone if they are entirely satisfactory. There are a number of people in the High School Federation who are doing a definite amount of research work, and their representatives present their findings to the Rules body. Frankly, Don, I do not believe that any set of rules from year to year will not be changed. The competition of the game, the good angles and the bad, each present themselves to the great mass of players, officials and patrons of the game, and possibilities of development for the better are always in the mind of every progressive individual.