

## CENTER JUMP RULE MODIFICATION

Southern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference  
to Try Code Changes Following Certain Scores  
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Informal discussions among the Southern Division coaches of the Pacific Coast Conference have revealed a unanimity of opinion to the effect that the center jump is responsible for and inordinately large amount of fouling, and that the fouls actually committed largely exceed those which are detected or called by the officials. In addition, it is commonly agreed that the fouls in question are of a type which tend to cause serious injuries to the players. The administration of the play about the center jump is admittedly a difficult one for officials. The tossing of the ball, the control of the jumpers, and the crashing for the ball have become increasingly difficult to manage as greater stress has been placed upon control of the ball.

As a result of the foregoing, a growing sentiment in favor of elimination of the center jump has manifested itself. This same feeling has been expressed by a member of the National Basketball Rules Committee when he said: "I believe the Committee as a whole was very much concerned about the center tip, but the question is what to substitute for it."

In attempt to solve this problem all contests during the coming season between teams of the Southern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference will be governed by rules' modifications of the center jump provisions. These changes have been adopted by the four schools involved and printed in a clear and concise pamphlet bearing the names of the four coaches: C. M. Price, University of California at Berkely; J. M. Barry, University of Southern California; John W. Bunn, Stanford University; and Pierce Works, University of California at Los Angeles.

A resume of the changes explained in the pamphlet are:

1. The ball shall be tossed at center at the start of each half and extra periods; after a freethrow following a technical foul, or after the last freethrow following a technical foul if more than one has been called; and after the last freethrow following a double foul.

2. Use of the center jump shall be discontinued following a field goal; successful freethrow following a personal foul; following a successful freethrow where the ball would have been in play had the trial been missed.

3. Following the condition outlined in '2' the ball is to be put in play from the end line by the team scored upon. Out-of-bounds regulation govern the pass made after a score except that the player making the pass is required to stand in a zone 11 feet in width measured along the end line, and lying in out-of-bounds territory. The limits of this zone are found by measuring  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet each way from a point on the end line half way between the basket and the sideline.