

It is recommended that the following be added in parenthesis to Rule 15, Section 11:
 (See note of explanation on Page 30)

Officials and coaches have set forth the proposition to protect a player who has eluded a guard and is subsequently run into from behind by the same guard. This offense is as serious as clipping in football. It is therefore, recommended that the following sentence be added to Rule 15, Section 14, Penalty (a):

If a player, with a clear path ~~xxxxx~~ to the basket, is fouled by an opponent running into him from behind, he shall be allowed two free throws.

The committee received the following suggestions from the official's organization in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Two changes in the rules are suggested. First is that the center jump be eliminated entirely and that the ball be put in play at the start of the game by the visiting team out of bounds under the basket in its back court. At the start of the second half the home team starts the ball in play in a similar manner.

After each basket, the team scored on immediately puts the ball in play by having one of its men step outside the court under its basket and start the play by throwing the ball in, similar to a regular "out-of-bounds" play.

It can be readily seen that this would speed up the game as it does away with those many small delays now occurring while the ball is being brought from under the basket to the center of the floor preparatory to the tip off. Team play is now very uncertain as it is never known who will get the "tip-off" and even after the tip off is secured there is no assurance who will get the ball.

With the new proposed style of starting play, each team will know that a set offense and defense can be started depending on whether they start the ball in play. Basketball will more nearly possess some of the merits of football as individual players will be lost sight of in the more important function of team play. Speed and ability will be more sought after in players than mere height.

The second change suggested in the rules is the drastic one of totally doing away with the "foul throw". This present method of penalizing a team for fouls take up a lot of time and is the cause of more fouls as the players gather along the foul throw lane awaiting the throw.