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I am heartily in agreement with your belief that the minimum size of a basketball should be reduced to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. I have noticed that almost invariably the best ball handlers are boys who have abnormally long fingers. If we decrease the size of the ball slightly we will have a greater number of players who can perform artistically with a basketball. I believe the weight should be left the same as it is at present. With the size of 30 inches or above it is a difficult matter for manufacturers to produce a ball lighter than 22 ounces without skiving the leather so thin that it does not have great wearing quality. If the size is slightly reduced and the weight left the same it will simplify the manufacturer's problem and I believe there is no advantage to be gained in making the ball any lighter.

The only other suggestion I have relative to the rules is that something should be done relative to the crowding around the center circle. We were bothered considerably by this at our state final tournament.

It will not be possible for me to attend the coaches' association meeting at Atlanta. But I am planning on going to New York a day early and will be there Friday, April 13th.

Yours truly,

H. V. Porter

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