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Dr. John Brown, Executive Secretary,
National Association of Approved Basketball Officials,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Brown:

I am sending you five questions for the use of your officials. My administrative and coaching work here has kept me from doing better with my correspondence.

I am not citing the rule in question, and you can shape the questions so that you can get Yes and No answers to them.

1. A substitute player goes on the floor and reports to the referee or umpire, but not to the scorekeeper. The game proceeds for two minutes without a score being made. In the next 30 seconds this player shoots a field goal. At this juncture, the opposing captain discovers that there was something irregular when this player entered the game. What is the duty of the referee under the several possible situations?

2. When two men of the same team have the same numbers on their jerseys what should the referee do if the opposing captain demands that a foul be called on one of these two men? If you think that the referee should call a foul how would you list it?

3. Define (a) legal dribble, (b) illegal dribble, (c) illegal starting of the dribble, (d) legal starting of the dribble.

4. A dispute arises between the two timekeepers. The referee has failed to designate the official timer. What is the referee to do in regard to the longer playing time or the shorter playing time?

5. The referee has failed to designate the official scorer. The two scorekeepers get into an argument, one claiming two points more than the other. What should the referee do under the rules - in regard to the larger score or the smaller score?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.