

October 20, 1937.

Mr. William W. Nixon,
Box 307,
Weed, California.

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Answering your inquiry of the 14th instant beg to state that the player has not traveled. In shooting at a basket or passing to another player, a player may take 1 and 99/100 steps in doing either of these two without committing a violation or a penalty.

The rule book says that a player may not run with the ball. Running with the ball is taking two steps. However, insstarting a dribble the rear pivot foot must not leave the floor before the ball leaves the hand of the dribbler.

If you have any difficulty with this interpretation please let me hear from you and I will be glad to help you in any way possible.

Mr. Oswald Tower, the editor of the Rules Guide, is the man who makes all the interpretations for the rules body. It happens that I am chairman of the Research Committee of the National Basketball Rules group, but I am not the official interpreter. However, I do serve as chairman of this 5th district rules body, which comprises the states of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado, and the Dakotas.

I am very happy to hear from you, and it is an added joy to know that you enjoyed the course at Logan, Utah, in 1927. I assure you that I certainly did.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education.