

- (1) The need for special rulings in the high school and junior high school game have never been questioned by the college coaches; similar efforts regarding the college game have been discouraged. The major problem of our association seems to lie in the problem of satisfying the needs, problems and interests of the college group in situations where the colleges and high schools have a wide difference in these needs, interests and problems.

Numerically, the ratio of high schools to colleges is at least 25 to 1; the grouping of the opinion of all of the bodies represented on the National Basketball Committee gives the high schools such a preponderance of strength on the questionnaire that it may dictate the nature of the college game.

The criticism that the National Basketball Coaches Association is a small body of the college coaches and not representative of college thought and opinion is not a justifiable conclusion. However, our present questionnaire, which is mailed to every college and university coach in the country, will present an accurate cross section of college opinion this year and in future years.

THE COLLEGE GAME OF BASKETBALL WILL EXPECT SPECIAL RULINGS FROM THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE IN SITUATIONS WHERE THE PROBLEMS; INTERESTS, AND NEEDS OF THE COLLEGE GAME WARRANT SUCH SPECIAL RULINGS.

- (2) The wide difference in results from the questionnaires of the respective groups has caused our group to question the methods employed by the Questionnaire Committee in formulating, sampling and tabulating their research questionnaire.

Quoting again from correspondence with Mr. Floyd Rowe, Chairman of the National Basketball Committee, indicates some of the problems relative to the questionnaire:

"After all, the Rules Committee places a tremendous lot of weight upon the results of the questionnaire."

"It would seem that largely the point at issue between you and Porter is whether or not the questionnaire for this coming year (1942) should include questions regarding the shape of the back stop and the type of ball. I think I am in a position to say that you will never get a vote in your favor on these two items when majority opinion is concerned."

Is this latter statement consistent with what one should expect from an unbiased rules body? Should we not have the privilege of suggesting items for the rules questionnaire?

"Personally, I am quite sure that you are fighting a losing fight on this particular issue (ball and backboard) and one which is of no great importance."

Again, we should know what problems are of great importance to our group. Greater than the matter of the fan-shaped board and the molded ball is the need for SOME DEFINITE POLICY IN ESTABLISHING THE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN THE COLLEGE GAME. Must we always be adopting novelties such as the Bask-o-lite, the various molded basketballs, the convex or flat surface fan-shaped bankboard, the 20" diameter basket?

The wording of pertinent statements on the questionnaire in recent years have been misleading. Quoting from the 1941 QUESTIONNAIRE OF THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE: