

I think that your questionnaire should include the question of throwing up the jump ball in the nearest of the three circles. That seems to be a more logical rule, especially since the football rules committee moved the ball in 15 yards in from the side line, and one official throws the ball to the other official to put it in place. This scheme could be worked out in basketball where one official would throw the ball to the other official to toss it up for the tip-off.

Certainly we should have uniformity concerning the end line and the side line regarding a jump ball.

I also agree with the second notation to declare a jump ball whenever a player in possession is touching the floor with any part of the body other than hands or feet, provided there is an opponent say within three feet of him. That would prevent the piling on, and also prevent a possible injury.

Regarding provision 3, I believe that providing a short interval of rest after a field goal by having the official handle the ball or by prescribing an official's time out in the middle of each period applies to high school rules and not to college rules, does it not? I think it would be well to provide that an official may have the option of calling an official's time out when in his opinion the players are distressed by over-exertion. Certainly the game is too strenuous the way it is being played.

Regarding provision 4, I believe if we should make the division line out of bounds the same as we handle the side line and end line it will clarify matters considerably. Certainly it would be fine to put it in the questionnaire and get the reactions of the group.

Very sincerely yours,

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