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## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES



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Dear Coach:

There has come to my desk a circular called "Intercollegiate Basketball" issued at Baldwin, Kansas and described as the "Official Publication of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball."

This embryonic Association plans its first Convention for 1940 and seems to be organized around the so-called National Intercollegiate Basketball Championship Tournament conducted by E. S. Liston at Kansas City.

I note that the five objectives stated for this proposed organization differ very little from those of our own Association.

I note further that the fundamental institutional membership requirement is based on a four-year curriculum of academic work.

You will remember that at the 1939 Convention our Association made active membership possible to "coaches from institutions which offer a four-year baccalaureate degree" thus eliminating the former requirements of membership in the N.C.A.A.

I am frankly puzzled then as to the necessity or desirability of a second organization of this sort.

The N.A.B.B.C. has been actively striving to meet the needs and wishes of the coaches. It has a fine service record over a period of years. It has a membership of approximately 250, including most of the well known personages among the basketball coaching fraternity.

The seven coaches who are members of the National Rules Committee are also all members of the N.A.B.B.C.

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