

The vote of our Association is unquestionably the greatest single influence with the Rules Committee in their consideration of possible changes.

Our Association has had a responsible and influential part in the promotion of international basketball relationships.

We have been designated by the N.C.A.A. as the organization through which its National Championships in Basketball shall be promoted and by which these Championships shall be staged.

In 1939 the N.A.B.B.C. did conduct through its committee the first actual U.S. Basketball Championships among colleges where provision was made for representation from all sections of the United States.

Our Organization is a democratic one with opportunity for interested coaches to present ideas and to promote them. The Administrative Personnel is constantly changing so that these new ideas and new influences do affect our Association to make for growth and progress.

With these things in mind, I am disturbed that members of our Organization should wish to ally themselves with what might well become a divisive movement. If the N.A.B.B.C. is doing the job I think it is, there is no need for a new organization covering the same ground - instead there will tend to be competition destructive to the strength and influence of both.

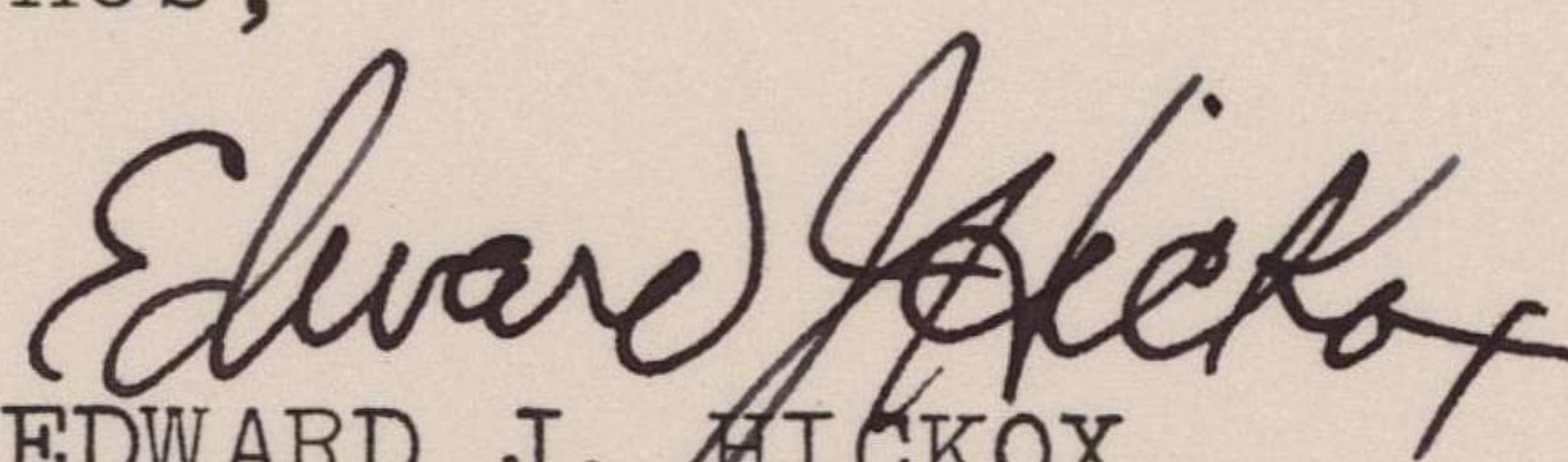
The logical position for our membership is to accomplish through our established and influential organization whatever ends they seek and to discourage formation of any competing organization. If we continue to promote the N.A.B.B.C. and withhold support from this competing organization which is still in the embryonic stage, we strengthen the real power of the coaches to bring about what we wish for the best interests of the game. Our nation was founded on the principle - "In Unity there is Strength."

I appeal to you, therefore, to give your best interest and efforts to the N.A.B.B.C., and to consider carefully before giving encouragement or aid to a movement that might well weaken the power and influence of the Basketball Coaches in the United States.

Our Editor would be very glad to receive any comments or expression of ideas, also suggestions for the improvement of our own Association and our Bulletins.

May I wish for you a Happy Holiday Season, and a team success that will make you think each weekend is Christmas.

Best of good wishes,


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