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February 11, 1941

Mr. Floyd A. Rowe
Board of Education
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Floyd:

I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter that I have written John Bunn.

I spoke extemporaneously and I trust that I have not misinterpreted what I thought I heard you say; namely, that the competitive game for immature junior high school players was contraindicated.

If my memory serves me correctly, I was under the impression that you said it very definitely interfered with their growth. Now, regarding the inches, since I was speaking extemporaneously, I am not sure I made a gargantuan statement.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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February 8, 1941

Mr. Floyd A. Rowe, Chairman
Natl. Basketball Committee
Board of Education
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Floyd:

Thank you for your good letter of the 6th instant.

Frankly, I am very happy in not being named to the Rules Committee because the old balogna about rotating membership would be all right for Alice in Wonderland, but a fellow that has seen the machination of politics as long as I have would only give it a faint smile. If a fellow does not hold certain boot straps it is too bad for him, well, I have never done that and I am not going to start now. The boys got what they wanted and they can also take their Tournament Manager.

I have never been a fellow who wanted to do anything just for the sake of kotowing, I do it either because I like a fellow or I like the reward of a well completed job.

So, Floyd, you will not see me sitting in on the Rules Committee. I will be busy doing other things and happy in the thought that I have had the pleasure of working with you, but I never bother the other fellow at his work.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
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February 6, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
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Dear Phog:

Replying to your letter of February 4th, wish to say that it was a disappointment to me that you were not named from your district. However, it seems to me that the policy of the National Collegiate to rotate its district representation on the Board had to receive some consideration. That thought was expressed to me by two or three different people, and it was my hope that Professor French of Ohio State would feel strongly enough about the matter to try to have you appointed, in the face of their somewhat hard and fast rule which was, as you know, set aside in order to have you serve the second time. Of this, however, I am sure; that you will be missed on the Rules Committee, and trust that you will feel perfectly free to sit in with us, even though you will not have a vote.

It seems to me to be too bad that you did not feel you could continue as tournament manager. I will be very much surprised if it turns out that any one else will do as satisfactory a job as you did.

With personal regards, and looking forward to seeing you at the ball game, and trusting Kansas may be in there again this year, I am

Sincerely yours

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Chairman

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February 1, 1941

Mr. H.G. Olsen
Chairman, NCAA Basketball Tournament Com.
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Ole:

I always answer letters even though I am somewhat belated in my reply. Your telephone call perhaps made it unnecessary for me to answer this letter, but I leave a letter on my desk until I dispose of it and I am now answering your good letter of the 14th instant.

In the last part of the first paragraph of your letter, you state, "but apparently the sticking point came in that the representative from that district had taken a poll which indicated that there was a strong desire for a change."

Doubtless you will recall that I informed you that four years ago this same representative had apparently taken a pollbecause your Professor French told the basketball committee that there was a strong desire for a change, but it happened that Mr. Artie Eilers, who was then the chairman of the Nominating Committee, informed Mr. French that he had the poll in his possession and everybody in the Missouri Valley and the Big-Six had voted for me with the exception of Missouri, and it was Professor French's desire at that time to place Mr. Edwards on the committee.

I only refresh your memory for the purpose of informing you that I was not born yesterday, and that it does not always take a young man to read the handwriting on the wall for an old king.

Personally, I think they did me a real kindness. So many fellows are afraid to express their thoughts for fear of their getting in bad with the machine and they go on taking dictations forever and failing to be fully independent as they should be. I have always been of this opinion; I would much rather be free, white and effective than to be a stooge.

You have asked me to let you know right away my feelings in the matter, and I have done that.

Good luck to you, Ole.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
L. W. ST. JOHN, *Director*

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
HOWARD L. BEVIS, *President*
COLUMBUS

January 14, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I have learned with a good deal of disappointment that you were not retained for another term of service on the Rules Committee. I believe you know that Saint, Jim St. Clair, French and myself did everything we thought we possibly could to convince them that you should be put on there for another term, but apparently the sticking point came in that the representative from that district had taken a poll which indicated that there was a strong desire for a change.

I was sorry to hear this, especially from the tournament standpoint, but after all, that is the point in my writing you now. I see no reason for this affecting the tournament set-up, provided you are willing to carry on. If you are willing to go ahead in the same capacity that you had last year in this tournament business, it is my fervent hope that you will do so. The mere fact you are not a member of the Rules Committee would not hamper your effectiveness and I hope it wouldn't dampen your enthusiasm for this project which you have done so much to further.

Please let me know right away your feelings in the matter and let me again urge, as strong as I know how, that you stay in there and pitch.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

"Ole"

H. G. Olsen
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball
Tournament Committee

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January 21st, 1941

To Members,
National Basketball Committee:

By this time you have probably been notified that the annual meeting will be held at Kansas City, Missouri, on Sunday and Monday, March 30th and 31st. The N.C.A.A. basketball finals will be held on the night of March 29th.

At this time I call attention

(a) To the enclosed proposed constitution, and
(b) To the desirability of sending suggestions relative to the annual questionnaire.

Enclosed is copy of the constitution which was drawn up several years ago but which has never been officially adopted. You will recall that it was presented to the group at last year's meeting but the time available was short and the committee decided to postpone action until this year. As far as I know, this constitution was drawn up in such a way as to meet with the approval of all of the constituent groups after a careful study had been made of the sentiment relative to its provisions. It is my belief that it is in conformity with the needs of the committee but you should take the time to study its povisions in order that action may be taken at the annual meeting without consuming too much time which will be needed for the real business at hand, i.e., consideration of the basketball rules for next year. Please bring your copy of the constitution with you to the meeting.

The questionnaire will be made up in a manner similar to that of last year. Each member is invited to submit suggestions. An attempt will be made to incorporate these suggestions in a form which will be passed upon by the members of the questionnaire sub-committee. The final printed form will represent the combined judgment of this sub-committee.

Here are some suggestions relative to what should probably beincluded in the final questionnaire.

1. Check-up on sentiment relative to important changes of last year.

2. Statistics relative to number of courts equipped with new type backboard, action designed to improve court lighting conditions, sentiment relative to the effect of the game on health of players, extent to which substitutions are mde by the use of substitution slips, and extent to whichwall clocks are satisfactory as the offical timer.

3. Rule proposals for 1941-2 should probably include the following:

   a. Should substitutions be permitted following a field goal, i.e, any time the ball is dead?
   b. Should the game be slowed up by requiring that the official handle the ball after a field goal and either hold it for a few seconds or award it to the team scored upon at mid-court out of bounds?
   c. Should the official go to the scorer's table when the scorer's horn sounds and complete all substitutions at the table?
   d. Should the rules provide for one scorer, one timer and a supervisor or checker to be assigned specified duties and to be responsible to the

referee for all matters pertaining to timing and scoring ?

e. Should basket supports be marked with a two-inch line directly above the end line so that the back of the board and that part of the support which is above the court may be considered inbounds?

f. Should a player be permitted five personal fouls before he is disqualified or should a player be permitted an additional personal foul during an overtime game?

Other topics may occur to you. For your convenience a copy of last year's questionnaire is included with this letter to remind you of the form which has been used.

Unless suggestions relative to the qusstionnaire are received from you within a few days after receipt of this letter, it will be assumed that you are willing to leave this matter entirely in the hands of the questionnaire sub-committee.

Yours truly,

H. V. Porter

Secretary

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C O N S T I T U T I O N A N D B Y - L A W S
of the
NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be "The National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to legislate upon the official rules of basketball as played in the colleges, schools and by amateur teams in the United States and Canada; to supervise the administration of the official rules and to promote the welfare of the game to the end that recreation, healthy competition, and good sportsmanship may be aided thereby.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.
The constituent organizations holding membership on this committee and the number of representatives for each shall be:

(a) The National Collegiate Athletic Association.....8 representatives
(b) The National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations.....4 representatives
(c) The Young Men's Christian Association.....2 representatives
(d) The Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union.....1 representative
(e) The Canadian Amateur Basketball Association.....1 representative

In addition to the representatives mentioned above, the Y.M.C.A. shall have the privilege of designating honorary member John Brown, Jr., as a voting member as long as he may be actively connected with that organization. Also Oswald Tower shall be considered a National Collegiate member-at-large as long as he continues to be editor and interpreter.

The committee as a whole shall elect an editor who may or may not be a regularly appointed member of the committee.

By a two-thirds vote of the committee, an invitation to other organizations for membership on the committee may be extended and by the same vote members or former members may be designated as honorary members for life when by long and distinguished service such members may merit this distinction. Honorary members may attend meetings of the committee and shall have the privilege of the floor but no vote.

Section 2.
Constituent organizations holding membership on this commitee shall provide the secretary of the National Basketball Committee annually with credentials of membership on the committee.

ARTICLE IV -- OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the Committee shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Editor.

Section 2. The term of each officer shall be for one year.

NOTE: In order to insure some degree of stability it should be the general policy of the committee to continue the officers through their term of committee membership, ~~except that the term of the chairman should not exceed four consecutive years~~.

Section 3. Election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting of the Committee and the newly elected officers shall take office immediately upon election.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the National Basketball Committee and such other members of the Committee as may be duly elected by the membership. The Executive Committee shall handle all business of the National Committee between the annual or any special meetings of the National Committee. Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

(a) Chairman -- Shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and of the Executive Committee and in general shall perform the duties incident to his office.

(b) Vice-Chairman -- During the absence or inability to act of the Chairman, shall perform the duties of that office.

(c) Secretary -- Shall keep the records of all meetings of the Committee and the Executive Committee. He shall give and serve all notices of meetings and in general perform the duties incident to his office.

(d) Treasurer -- Shall keep full and accurate account of all moneys received and shall deposit the same in the name and to the credit of the National Committee as may be designated by the Executive Committee. He shall disburse the same under the direction of the National Committee and shall present at each annual meeting a written report of the Treasury. In general, he shall perform the duties incident to his office.

(e) Editor -- Shall assemble and edit all material for the Official Basketball Rule Book and Guide, keep accurate record of all amendments to the rules and interpret by mail, if requested, any and all questions arising out of the rules and in general perform the duties incident to his office.

ARTICLE VII -- VOTING

Each member of the National Committee shall have one vote and the vote of a majority shall prevail in all matters unless otherwise provided herein. Members unable to attend may, with the consent of their constituent organizations, send an alternate with power to vote. Voting may not be by proxy.

ARTICLE VIII -- MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Committee shall be at the close of the basketball season in the spring at a time determined by vote of the committee at the time of the last preceding annual meeting or, in the absence of such vote, at the call of the Chairman. The order of business shall be in accordance with the agenda made up by the Secretary and approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Committee may be called at the discretion of the Chairman and shall be called upon the written request of six members.

ARTICLE IX -- DUTIES AND POWERS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the National Committee to formulate the playing rules for the game of basketball for schools and amateur circles generally. These shall be considered the official rules.

Section 2. The National Committee shall have sole jurisdiction over the publication of the official rules and the ownership of the copyright shall be vested in the committee. Publication of the rules may be by contract or an undertaking of the Com-

mittee at the sole jurisdiction of the Committee of the whole. The National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations shall, while they are a member group of the Committee, have the right to publish and distribute a high school edition of the official rules as adopted by the Committee. This same privilege may be granted to any other member group by a majority vote of the Committee.

ARTICLE X -- SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. All Special Committees shall be appointed by the Chairman and shall consist of the number of appointees designated by the Chair and perform the duties outlined at the time of their appointment unless otherwise designated by the Chair.

The Special Committees shall be:
(a) Committee on Research.
(b) Committee on Game Administration.
(c) Committee on Questionnaire.

ARTICLE XI -- FINANCES

Section 1. After payment of all current committee expenses and the establishing of a suitable reserve (approved by the Committee as a whole), the balance of the receipts shall be divided as follows:

85% to the National Collegiate Athletic Association
10% to the Young Men's Christian Association
5% to the (Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union
(Canadian Amateur Basketball Association

NOTE: The share paid to the two Canadian groups will be paid half and half until such time as the Committee by majority vote might choose to apportion the amount to the two groups on some basis to be agreed upon. The percentage allotted to the Canadian groups may be increased by the committee at any time the sales of the guide in Canada exceed 5% of the total sales.

Section 2. As long as the National Federation elects to print and distribute the special high school edition of the guide, they will not share in the income from sales of the regular guide and they shall be expected to take care of the expenses of their own representatives on the committee.

ARTICLE XII -- AMENDMENT

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the duly accredited members of the National Committee either at the annual meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. In either case written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to all members at least fifteen days prior to the meeting.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
of the UNITED STATES AND CANADA

1940 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is sent annually to representative basketball men in order that their views may be presented at the annual meeting of the National Committee. The Committee will be grateful if you will check these answers and

RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE PROMPTLY to.....

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The Committee Member or State Athletic Officer whose name appears above will send all replies received up to March 16th to the Secretary of the Committee, 11 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

PART I. Concerning rule changes made last spring:

1. Any player may request a time-out. Is present rule satisfactory? Yes..... No.....
2. After a technical foul, the throwing team keeps possession at mid-court. Is present rule satisfactory? Yes..... No.....
3. A captain may waive the free throw and take the ball at mid-court after a personal foul. Is present rule satisfactory? Yes..... No.....
4. When a player in the act of throwing is fouled from behind, two free throws are always awarded.
   (a) Has this rule been properly enforced? Yes..... No.....
   (b) Has it tended to eliminate the deliberate push in the back? Yes..... No.....
   (c) Is present rule satisfactory? Yes..... No.....
5. On a free throw for personal foul, it is a violation when the ball does not go through or touch the ring before touching a player. Is present rule satisfactory? Yes..... No.....
6. Is the present rule on the four-foot end space satisfactory? Yes..... No.....

PART II. Concerning general trend of game:

7. Molded Type Ball:
   (a) As compared with the ball with sewed seams, the molded type ball is (1) More satisfactory..... (2) Equally as satisfactory..... (3) Less satisfactory.....
   (b) The best bouncing reaction of a ball is: (1) Minimum 49"..... Maximum 54"..... Median 51" to 52".....
8. What percentage of the courts on which you play have: (1) Poor lighting.....% (2) Less than four-foot space behind backboard.....%.
9. (a) Is the present game as interesting and scientific as it was with the center jump? Yes..... No.....
   (b) Are criticisms valid enough to warrant consideration of reinstatement of the center jump with restrictions such as having players rotate for the jump? Yes..... No.....
10. Do you favor encouragement of experimentation with:
    (a) Baskets without a backboard? Yes..... No.....
    (b) Baskets 11 or 12 feet high? Yes..... No.....
    (c) Free throw lanes 8 feet wide? Yes..... No.....

PART III: Concerning rules for 1940-1:

11. Assuming that proper safeguards would be made against any sudden compulsory use of equipment whose use would involve considerable expense, do you favor permitting the **optional** use of:
    (a) A flat surfaced backboard with several inches removed from the borders and with upper edge circular? Yes..... No.....
    (b) A convex surfaced board with shape as in (a). Yes..... No.....
12. (Check this only if you are connected with College or Independent games).
    College and Independent games should be played in 10-minute quarters. Yes..... No.....
13. Should the number of jump balls be reduced by:
    (a) Awarding ball to the offensive team, if it is in the air on a try at the end of a quarter and is not successful. Yes..... No.....
    (b) By awarding ball to the team on defense, if they cause a held ball outside the lane or center restraining circle? Yes..... No.....
14. (Check only one)
    (a) For games played in quarters, remove restriction on number of times a player may enter during first three quarters and permit only one re-entry during the fourth quarter and during each overtime period. Yes.....
    (b) In any game permit a player to re-enter three times. Yes.....
    (c) Retain present rule on re-entering. Yes.....
15. Following a successful field goal or successful last free throw for personal foul:
    (a) Start watch as soon as goal is made. Yes..... No.....
    (b) Remove right of either team to take charged time-out. Yes..... No.....
    (c) Permit substitution after any goal. Yes..... No.....
16. Consider any foul (not flagrant) against a player who is in his back court as a technical foul. (Note that penalty for technical foul is more severe than formerly). Yes..... No.....
17. Reduce bouncing tolerance of a ball from the present 5 inches to 3 inches. Yes..... No.....
18. If any section of the rules needs to be clarified or amplified state which.
    Use reverse side for additional comments.

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMITTEE

F. C. Allen - J. Mark Good - A. F. Jefferess
H. G. Olsen - Oswald Tower - H. V. Porter, Chr.

Signed:..... (Coach.....) (Official.....) (Administrator.....) (Other.....)

Institution Represented: College..... High School..... Y. M. C. A..... Other.....

City..... State.....

December 19, 1940

Mr. Floyd A. Rowe, Chairman
National Basketball Rules Committee
Board of Education
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Floyd:

Thank you very much for your communication of December 17 informing us that the meeting of the National Basketball Rules Committee will be in Kansas City on the 30th and 31st of March, 1941, unless it is changed for some reason unknown to you at the present time.

We will do everything within our power to make the meeting a very pleasant one for the Rules Body.

If there is anything that you want done, in addition to what was not done last year, it will only be necessary to tell us about it once.

With kindest personal regards and the best of the Yuletide's Greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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CLEVELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUREAU OF PHYSICAL WELFARE

December 17, 1940

To: Members of the Executive Committee
National Basketball Committee

Gentlemen:

The time and place of the meeting set for Chicago, March 26th and 27th, came about because of advance information that the National Collegiate championships were to be set forward one week. Chairman Olsen of the Tournament Committee advises that due to some Pacific Coast conditions, it is impossible to set the tournament ahead this year. Therefore, the tournament will be held in Kansas City on March 29th.

That being the case, it would appear to the best interests of every one to have the meeting of the Rules Committee on Sunday, March 30, and Monday, March 31, in Kansas City. All interested coaches and other members of the committee can therefore attend the championship game the night before, if they so desire.

Unless there is some very strong reason to the contrary, the meeting will be held in Kansas City the 30th and 31st of March.

With personal regards and the most sincere Holiday Greetings, I am

Cordially yours

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Floyd A. Rowe, Chairman

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Rule Com.

December 19, 1940

Mr. J. W. St. Clair
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear "Saint:"

It was swell of you to do what you did in your letter to Mr. Brewer and Mr. T. E. French.

If this does not get the job done then the cards are stacked too deeply and nothing could be availing of any benefit.

Thanking you for your many past favors and graciousness, and with kindest regards to your lovely family, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Southern Methodist University,
Dallas, Texas,
November 26, 1940.

Mr. F. C. "Phog" Allen,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear "Phog":

Replying to your letter of November 23rd, inclosing Financial Report, I wish to advise that I am signing same and forwarding it to Mr. Olsen today.

Again, I wish to express my sincere appreciation of your work in this matter and to congratulate you on the outcome.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. W. St. Clair.
Chairman, N.C.A.A.
Basketball Rules Committee.

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cc: Mr. H. G. Olsen,
The Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Southern Methodist University,
Dallas, Texas,
November 26, 1940.

Mr. C. L. Brewer, Chairman,
Nominating Committee in District 5
for the N. C. A. A.,
Missouri University,
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Brewer:

As this year marks the close of Mr. F. C. Allen's appointment as a member of the N. C. A. A. Basketball Rules Committee, I am taking the liberty, as Chairman of the N. C. A. A. Basketball Rules Committee, to write to you in regard to the re-nomination and the possible re-appointment of Mr. Allen to the N. C. A. A. Basketball Rules Committee.

I have worked for several years with Mr. Allen, as he is one of the old guard on the Committee, and I have found him, at all times, to be one of the most valuable men on the Committee. He has helped steer the Committee through some rather perilous situations. His judgment has always been highly respected and of outstanding value to both the N.C.A.A. Committee and the National Basketball Rules Committee. His knowledge and love of the game is outstanding, and it is doubtful whether his equal can be found in the United States.

Again, as Chairman of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Rules Committee, I wish to state that it is through Mr. Allen's efforts and hard work, as well as Mr. Olsen's, that the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournaments are becoming outstanding in the United States. We all know of the wonderful work that he did as the conductor of the Western Tournament and the Play-off at Kansas City. No man has ever put forth the effort in behalf of basketball that Mr. Allen did nor achieved the final results he did. In my opinion, no one could have equalled the wonderful job he did here. If we are to continue these tournaments and to make them the outstanding basketball tournaments in the United States, which is the ambition of all concerned, we certainly need the aid and assistance of Mr. Allen. As you perhaps know, he told the Committee year before last, if they would have the Western Play-off at Kansas City and also the final, he would not only bring us out of the red but would be able to turn over a nice sum to the N.C.A.A. The profits on this game, as well as the profits on the game

for the Eastern Tournament, made it possible for us not only to wipe out the deficit of the year before but to put a nice sum in the treasury. The N.C.A.A. Committee, at the meeting following the Play-off at Kansas City, unanimously recommended that Mr. Olsen continue to head the N.C.A.A. Tournaments and that Mr. Allen be re-appointed to conduct the Tournaments in Kansas City, as Kansas City had been selected for the Western Play-off and the Final for 1941.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. W. St. Clair,
Chairman, N.C.A.A.
Basketball Rules Committee.

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cc: Mr. Thomas E. French, Chairman,
Nominating Committee for the N.C.A.A.,
The Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Southern Methodist University,
Dallas, Texas,
November 26, 1940.

Mr. Thomas E. French, Chairman,
Nominating Committee for the N.C.A.A.,
The Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. French:

I feel so keenly the urgent need of the re-appointment of Mr. F. C. Allen to the N. C. A. A. Basketball Rules Committee that I have written the attached appeal to Mr. C. L. Brewer, Chairman of the Nominating Committee for District 5.

I feel that the loss of Mr. Allen, not only as an outstanding legislator on the National Rules Committee but as a member of the committee which has been appointed to conduct the N. C. A. A. Tournaments for another year, would be too great for me not to voice my sentiment in the matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. W. St. Clair.

J. W. St. Clair.
Chairman, N.C.A.A.
Basketball Rules Committee.

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December 16, 1940

Mr. Floyd A. Rowe, Chairman
National Basketball Rules Committee
Board of Education
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Floyd:

The carbon copy of your letter to Professor Thomas E. French, as of December 13, has just been received, and I again want to thank you sincerely for everything you have done.

You are a Yeoman and a friend.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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December 13, 1940

Professor Thomas E. French
Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Professor French:

Wednesday, while talking to Director St. John and Coach Olsen in regard to the situation on the Basketball Rules Committee, Saint raised the point that he thought it would be perfectly logical for me to write you concerning the situation.

There are two scheduled changes with the collegiate representation on the Basketball Committee - Sumner Dole and Forrest Allen. In addition, Curtis Parker is being replaced by Norman Shepard. This means, then, that next year it is possible to have three new college men on the Board. In addition to this, it is almost certain that there will be at least one change in the high school representation. The Y.M.C.A. representation has, with the exception of Dr. Brown and Mr. Hickox, been changing. With all these possible and probable changes, it comes to my mind that if some of them could be avoided, the Rules Committee would profit materially.

As I pointed out to both St. John and Olsen, I feel entirely without any right whatsoever to even make suggestions to National Collegiate authorities in regard to National Collegiate representation. Were I a college man and affiliated with the National Collegiate, no doubt I would feel somewhat differently in regard to the situation. However, I have the assurance of both Saint and Olsen that in your official capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Committees, you would be interested in the situation confronting the Basketball Committee.

With that in mind, then, I will say that Forrest Allen has been an excellent member of the Rules Committee, in my opinion. As a personal friend, I should dislike to see his position taken by someone else.

As Chairman of the committee, I would feel that regardless of the individual who might replace him, at least for this next year, the committee would be weakened by his replacement.

Sumner Dole has been and is an excellent member of the committee. His counsel and interest will be missed, but it is my honest judgment that of the two men Allen's loss would be the greater.

Assuring you that I have thought this thing through very carefully and believe I am writing this letter in the best interests of the Basketball Committee as a whole, I am

Sincerely yours

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Chairman

December 6, 1940

Mr. Floyd Rowe, Chairman
National Basketball Rules Committee
Board of Education
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Floyd:

I have your letter as of December 4 calling the meeting in Chicago on March 26 and 27.

I feel that my presence will be badly needed in Kansas City in a build-up for the finals of the N.C.A.A. championship which will be played in the auditorium on March 29; however, I am sure that you could go ahead with the meeting even if I were forced to stay on the job in Kansas City.

Last year I worked my head off in putting over the Western Championship and the Finals, and if I attended a meeting in Chicago I could not possibly get home before the 28th and the Finals being the 29th would make it too short a time for me to do the tournament justice. For that reason it would be impossible for me to attend at that time.

I would not want you to postpone the meeting on my account, but if we could meet in Chicago after the N.C.A.A. Finals I believe it would be better psychologically. Perhaps some of the rules members, like St. Clair, and the boys from out west would doubtless want to see the Finals. If we should pass on the rules before the final tournament it would not be the boost for the N.C.A.A. that it would if we could have our national tournament first and then meet right after that. Do you agree with me?

When I made arrangements for the Finals dates and signed the contract for the hall, I immediately notified Ole and I thought, of course, that he would notify the other members of the committee, but I believe that I had better do this because in your letter you do not seem to be clear as to the date of the Finals. As I stated before, the Western Championship is the 21st and 22nd and the Finals are on the 29th.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Board of Education
Cleveland, Ohio
December 4, 1940

To: Members of the Executive Committee, National Basketball Rules

Gentlemen:

From such information as is before me, it appears that the tournament of the National Collegiate will be in Kansas City on March 22nd, and the meeting of the Coaches' Association in New York on March 24th and 25th. It would appear, then, that March 26th and 27th would be about the earliest the rules meeting could be held. After a lengthy conference with Mr. Porter, we are suggesting that the meeting be held March 26th and 27th in Chicago.

The reason for the Chicago suggestion is that on the original vote, we are unable to get a substantial majority to vote for either Kansas City or New York, and I am quoting now from a letter from Mr. Porter, which outlines to my mind the reason for the committee meeting in Chicago:

"It is my understanding that the Manufacturers' Association which sponsored the picture "Precision Basketball" is planning a similar picture for next season. Mr. Tower and I cooperated with these people last year because we felt that such a picture would add to the prestige of the work of the National Basketball Committee, and would tend to secure greater uniformity in the interpretation of the rules. The picture appears to have been quite popular and, I believe, it is the general opinion that it has served a good purpose. From the standpoint of Mr. Tower and myself, it would be very desirable if our work following the work of the National Committee could be done partly in connection with the work which is also done on this picture.

"In order to set at rest any doubts as to whether there is a commercial flavor to these remarks, I am relaying the information that no fee was paid to us for the work in connection with the picture. The company took care of the expenses of Mr. Tower to Chicago, but whatever assistance we gave was donated in the interests of the game of basketball."

In addition to the reasons Mr. Porter has given, I might add that it is quite possible that other members of the Rules Committee might wish to cooperate with Tower, Porter and the Manufacturers' Association in producing the revision of the picture "Precision Basketball".

For the benefit of those of you who may not have seen the picture, let me say frankly that it is an advertisement for the molded type basketball but, in my judgment, that portion of the film dealing with the basketball officiating situation is of such value that it would seem as though the Rules Committee might well choose to make of the film an official interpretation of the rules. In case the entire committee, in its judgment, thought well to make of the film an official interpretation, then there would be some point in possibly having a portion of the film devoted to the committee at work revising the rules. This is just a personal thought, and one to which you need give no great consideration.

Awaiting your reply in regard to the time and place of the meeting, I am

Sincerely yours

Floyd A. Rowe

Chairman

FAR:McG

November 30, 1940

Mr. Floyd A. Rowe
Directing Supervisor
Bureau of Physical Welfare
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Floyd:

Thank you for your very good letter of the 25th instant. Yes, I remember very well indeed the wonderful letter you wrote Chet Brewer regarding my candidacy. You certainly have done nobly, and while I think everything will go along all right, I do know the background and the energy that our rival University puts forth to put one of their men in the driver's seat.

I am sorry to see the rumpus created in Columbus. But they tell me those Ohio State boys can really go into high gear quicker than any other bunch of Monday morning quarterbacks that I know of. Yes, I do know that Saint is pretty well adjusted to those things, but the fact that he is getting along in years may cause some of the boys to have notions similar to the ideas they have in Michigan.

Here is one slant, Floyd, that might appear to you as O. K. John Griffith and Chet Brewer are close friends. It might be that you as chairman of the Rules Committee could write John Griffith and tell him the things that you have in mind so far as your ideas of my worth to the committee are concerned. You might ask John Griffith to write Chet Brewer, if you think this would be necessary, and also ask John Griffith to send a carbon copy to Professor French. I am sure that Major Griffith would be glad to accede to your request, but do not go to any undue trouble if you think it might be overdone.

A couple of weeks ago I had speaking dates at Toledo and Milwaukee and then some alumni meetings in Chicago. While there I stopped by and had a nice long chat with Major Griffith. He took me to the Wailing Wall, a Monday Morning Quarterback Club, and we had a good visit regarding the N. C. A. A. basketball tournament, etc.

I am glad to know of the talk that you had with Harry Newman. I am positive that a good job will be done.

I am writing to Dr. Keene and am sending you a copy of my letter so that you may keep advised.

I have never been quite so busy as this year it seems. There are several problems in research that we must do, but generally when you ask people to do committee assignments or project work out of season there is usually a lagging. However, the season is upon us and I am hoping during the Christmas vacation to get this project work outlined prior to the coming basketball season. Our full season is ahead of us. Aren't there some things, Floyd, that you would like to see attempted in a research way? I ask for your suggestions.

With all good wishes for a very happy yuletide coming up, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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November 25, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Replying to your letter of November 19, wish to say that I think I wrote you about the conference I had with Saint and Ole about your reappointment.

Unless my memory is also faulty, I also wrote you regarding what I had done with Chester Brewer. Brewer's reply to my letter (which was simply a confirmation of the conversation we had in Chicago) didn't leave me much of any leeway for reply. As I remember it, I think I acknowledged it and asked Chet to do all he could, because of your value to the committee. If I can think of some other way to help the matter along, I shall certainly do it, but it seems to me that Saint is in the best position to help along.

Whether or not Saint will give it any attention after Saturday's debacle which, no doubt, has put a tremendous lot of High Street Monday morning quarterbacks on his collar, to say nothing of the Wolf newspaper interests, I can't say. However, Saint is pretty well adjusted to these things, and I think he will go forward with taking care of the matter.

Early next month, I will be in Columbus, at which time I will make it a point to take the time to run in and see Saint, and talk to him again.

Had a talk with Harry Newman and he has what I consider to be an almost ideal set-up to go forward with your experiment. He has a team of tall boys (average 6 ft.) and another team of smaller boys (around 5 ft. 8 in.). They will both be coached by the same man on the same floor, and the only difference will be the height in baskets.

I am going out tomorrow or next day, and we are going over it in detail, but that is the rough set-up. If you have any suggestions to make that you haven't already made, get them to Newman at your convenience.

Trust you will find the time to write to Dr. Keene, and kindly send me a copy of your letter so that I may keep advised.

With personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Floyd

Floyd A. Rowe, Directing Supervisor
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