

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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