

Board of Education  
Cleveland, Ohio  
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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



Chairman

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