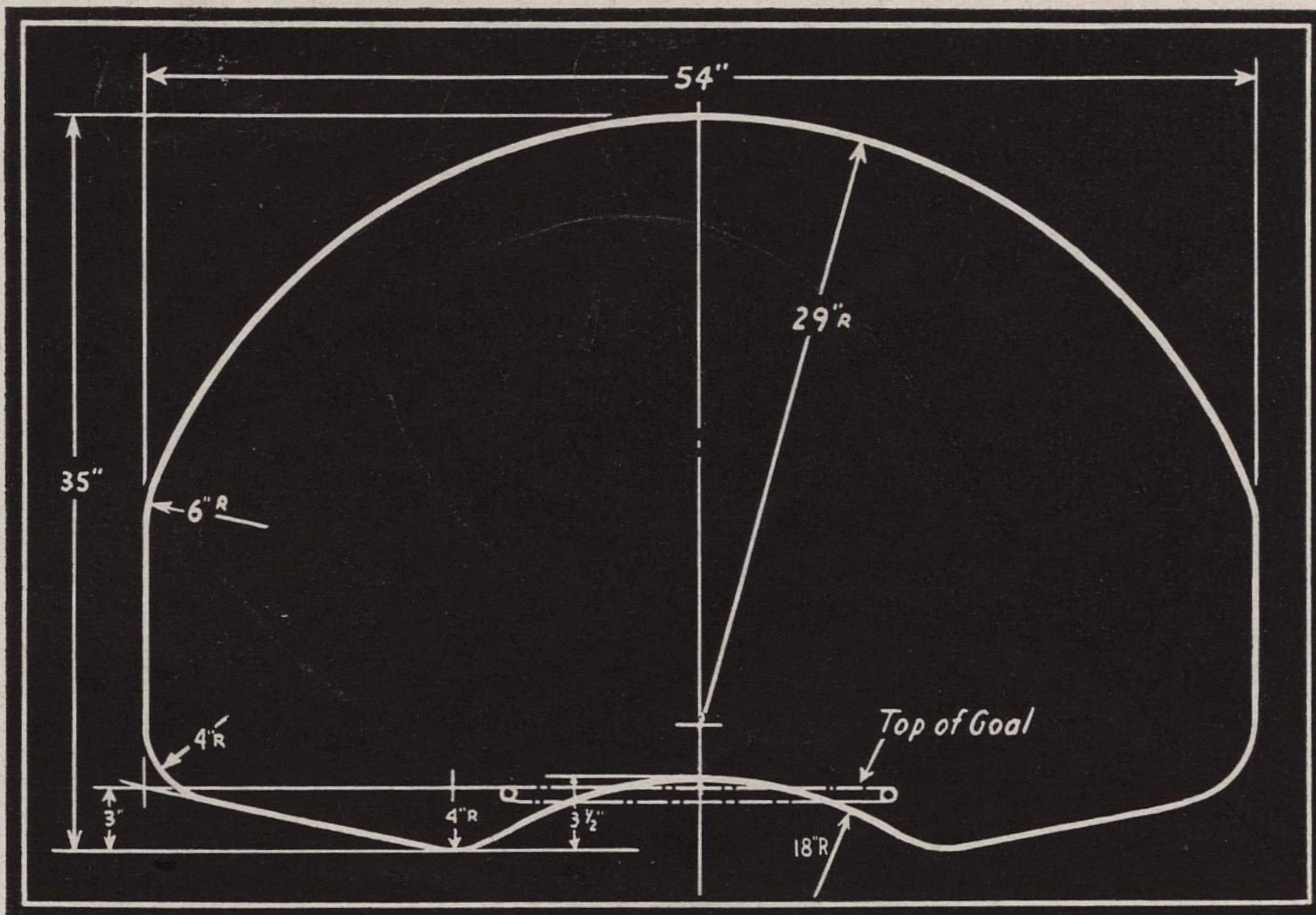


MODIFIED BACKBOARD



After extensive study over a period of years the National Basketball Committee has approved a backboard with dimensions as indicated on the above diagram. The baskets are attached to the bottom of the board. The basket attachment may be curved to fit the arc with an eighteen-inch radius or the board may be made with a straight edge immediately behind the basket ring. If the board is so constructed, the basket attachment may be a flange with a straight edge. If necessary, the bracing rods which strengthen the basket ring may extend to a vertical bracing post which will project a few inches below the level of the ring.

Such a board contains all the space which is needed for banking purposes. The elimination of all sharp corners and edges will prevent injury to the ball and the elimination of unnecessary surface space appears to have the following advantages:

1. Freer use of the four-foot end space permits offensive play from nearly all directions and thus relieves congestion in the lane.
2. Increased visibility of the basket from corners and ends of the gymnasium.
3. Increased space under the basket from which a goal may be made and chance for a rebounder to escape from contested area.
4. Less complicated bridgework for hanging the backboard since the weight is reduced by nearly one-half and the span is not so great as to cause warping or twisting.
5. More pleasing streamlined appearance and a better target.

Such boards with a plane surface are legal and may be installed without fear of protest. However no one is forced to discard the traditional board. Players adjust themselves quickly and there should be no great handicap thru using the two types of boards interchangeably.