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To Members of Executive Committee
National Basketball Committee:

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Gentlemen:

This letter is written to insure a definite understanding relative to the dimensions of the smaller backboard which was legalized at the last meeting. I am sure there is no question about the general size and shape of the board but we ought to have a definite understanding about some of the minor details. I do not desire to assume unwarranted authority in this matter, but it is essential that schools and manufacturers have definite information relative to detailed dimensions. I have already had many inquiries from schools and from manufacturers.

Here are the dimensions as I understand the wishes of the Committee. These have been checked with experimental boards which were in use the past season and, as far as I know, they are such as to facilitate ease of manufacture and maximum usability. If there is any question in your mind about any one of these dimensions, I wish you would let me have it by return mail. If I do not hear from you, I shall assume that these are the sanctioned dimensions.

1. The over-all width is 54 inches. The sides are to be straight lines perpendicular to the floor. The lower corners are on a level with the ring. The top is the arc of a circle with a radius of 29 inches and with a center three inches above the level of the ring. The board is to extend three inches below the level of the ring at the extreme outside edges of the ring. The part behind the ring is to be cut out to as near eighteen inches in width as it can be made and still leave a regular curve to avoid any sharp corners on the lower edge of the board. ~~The will make~~ straight edges at the sides of the board ^{all} approximately 13 3/4 inches in length. All corners and edges are to be slightly rounded.

This is the board which was sanctioned by mail vote of the Committee for experimental purposes after the 1939 meeting.

Unless I receive suggestions to the contrary, I will have blue prints made up along these lines and supply each member of the Committee.

Yours truly,

N. U. Porter

Secretary

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