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To Members,
National Basketball Committee:

The basketball questionnaires are now being printed and a supply will be sent to each committee member in the next couple of days.

If properly used, these questionnaires can be an educative medium of some value. We should regard them as more than a means of securing sentiment on various phases of the rules. They should serve as a means of checking up on experimental work which has been promoted through the season, a means of enabling basketball leaders of the country to express opinions and thus have a voice in final legislation, and as an incentive for the holding of discussion groups in connection with the final tournaments or similar events in the colleges, Y.M.C.A.'s and other organizations.

The distribution and actual use to which they will be put depends upon the activity of each member of the committee. They will be distributed only through committee members and through state high school executive officers.

In order that there will not be too much overlapping, I suggest that a plan somewhat similar to that followed last year be in effect. In brief this is:

Each College representative should make an attempt to secure distribution among the colleges in his N.C.A.A. district;
Each Y.M.C.A. representative will take care of the Y.M.C.A. and similar organizations in his section of the country;
The Canadian representatives will secure distribution in their own groups; and
The high school representatives will take care of distribution among the high schools in the group of states outlined in the map which is being supplied those representatives.

If these questionnaires are to be of maximum use, the returns to any given member will be inspected by him to give him an inkling of sentiment in his territory. He should summarize results, including comments, and then send the summary of the filled questionnaires (preferably both) to the Secretary so that a complete recapitulation may be made ready for each member at the annual meeting.

Good organization and haste are essential. Returns must be in the office of the secretary by March 16th. Do not record any vote unless you have a signed questionnaire to back it up.

Special Note

If you desire to have any special topic included in the agenda for the Annual Meeting, send it along. There will be provision for general discussion but it is best if most of the topics to be discussed are listed and organized.

Yours truly,

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Secretary

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