

Lawrence, Kansas
February 13, 1939.

Mr. H. V. Porter, Secretary,
National Basketball Committee,
11 South LaSalle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Porter:

I humbly beg your pardon for my delay in answering your communication of the 3rd instant. The very day that your epistle arrived I started to dictate a reply, and then the usual administrative interruption came after I had dictated two sentences. Then came games, and in the shuffle the correspondence got down below the level of "must reply". I find myself apologizing for my delinquency.

Answering your questionnaire numerically:

1. There seems to be some feeling that we should have a plan to permit substitutions after a goal. I do not have the answer.
2. I have also found that there is a demand for two extra time-outs. I believe the length of the time-out is set, but the players with this rapid fire game could use two more time-outs quite happily. For colleges the 15 minute period is about right because most of the schools are putting on entertainments, and the added fact that most of the games are played in field houses, it takes quite a time to get from the playing floor to the dressing room, and return.
3. There seems to be no objection to the three-second rule in our district.
4. The four foot end space has proven advantageous. There has been no criticism of it.
5. From what I learn the method of deciding tie games in high schools appears satisfactory, but that can best be answered by high school people.