

Other topics which might be of value in the questionnaire.

1. There is merit at least in the subject. I would like to see it discussed.

2. There is a vast difference between the "rubber ball" and the leather ball. Just as much difference as with the "rabbit" ball which was formerly used in baseball, as compared to the standard ball. The answer to this question is beyond me because there is such a vast difference, and in colleges there is very little of the testing procedure prior to a game. This can best be handled in high school organizations, but the colleges tell you what ball they will play with, and that is the answer. Our Big Six Conference plays with the standard leather ball. The Missouri Valley Conference plays with the "rubber" or "rabbit" ball. Both competing teams complain of the vast difference between the two balls.

3. I am of the opinion that steps certainly should be taken to permit optional use of a back board which should have several inches removed from the lower corner and edge.

4. I would be strong for the rule in which college games should be played in ten minute quarters. This would allow the extra two time-outs that we discussed previously.

5. I am of the opinion that we should also include on the topics for discussion the question that the offended team should be allowed to keep possession of the ball after a free throw following a deliberate foul, but one foul being called.

6. There seems to be a definite opinion that we are suffering from "fire wagon" basketball. Our fundamentals are suffering, there is poor ball handling because we are dashing up and down the floor, and basketball is deteriorating so far as finesse and clever plays are concerned. They have sacrificed it for the "fire department" style. I believe it would be well to get the reactions of the coaches over the country as to this point, as well as the point you make in question #6.

Answering your discussion regarding disqualification of players for making more or less trivial fouls which are classed as personal fouls, I believe we would make a mistake if we removed the personal foul because the player needs the goal. This would encourage fouling, I think. Some coaches would say, "Well, when you foul him we will foul him. You can't get any more than two free throws if you rock him or sock him, and if he makes it he only gets one."

With this "fire department" basketball we are carrying bigger squads and we are developing more than five players who can play good ball on account of the substitutions that are necessary. Therefore, I feel that we are disarming ourselves by the very nature of the game. We have developed more, consequently we are in better position to substitute now than we were before the clever, finessing game was played.