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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 these representatives.

The Executive Committee has not yet decided on the time and place of the annual rules meeting. They have been delayed in this decision because of the fact that the National Basketball Coaches Association has had difficulty in reaching a decision relative to the time of their meeting. They are deliberating on whether their meeting should be held in connection with the National Collegiate tournament which is to be held in Chicago, March 24th and 25th. Members of the committee will be informed of the time of the rules meeting as soon as the Executive Committee reaches a decision.

Yours truly,

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Secretary