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NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
of the UNITED STATES AND CANADA

1939 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is sent annually to representative basketball men in order that their views may be presented at the annual meeting of the National Committee. The Committee will be grateful if you will check these answers and

RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE PROMPTLY to Forrest C. Allen, Chairman, 5th District, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

The Committee Member or State Athletic Officer whose name appears above will send all replies received up to March 20th to the Secretary of the Committee, 11 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

PART I. Concerning rule changes made last spring:

NOTE: Vote yes or no on general principle involved. Suggestions for slight modifications may be made in Part III or on back of sheet.

1. Is the rule which prohibits a substitution after a goal satisfactory? Yes 32 No 8
2. Are length and number of time-outs and intermissions satisfactory? Yes 38 No 2
3. The removal of the three-second limitation for player in the outer half of the circle without the ball has resulted in: (a) A better game 27 (b) A worse game 1 (c) No noticeable difference 11
4. Have you had direct experience with a court having the end line four feet behind the backboard? Yes 31 No 7
   If the answer above is 'Yes', check the following:
   (a) Were there fewer out of bounds balls? Yes 31 No 1
   (b) Was the space often used for tries for goal? Yes 11 No 20
   (c) Was there less crowding after rebounds? Yes 25 No 6
   (d) Were visiting teams noticeably handicapped? Yes 7 No 25
   (e) Do you recommend encouraging use of the four-foot space? Yes 31 No 3
5. Is the rule which prescribes the "sudden death" method in the first overtime in high school games satisfactory? Yes 13 No 15

PART II. Concerning general trend of game:

6. The present average total score for High School play is 55 points and for College 70 points. This is (a) About right 31 (b) Too low 5 (c) Too high 3
7. (a) The interpretation of "travelling" rule is (1) About right 31 (2) Too loose 6 (3) Too rigid 2
   (b) Use of a zone defense is (1) About right 30 (2) Too great 6
   (c) Officiating in my locality is (1) About right 23 (2) Too loose 16 (3) Too strict 1
8. The most desirable color: (a) for court lines is black 28 red ..... white 6 broken black and white 4; (b) for fixtures which attach basket ring to backboard is black 30 white 6; (c) for ball is tan 28 white 5
9. Do you favor conference experimentation with:
   (a) A smaller fan shaped backboard? Yes 4 No 34
   (b) Basket without a backboard? Yes ..... No 38
   (c) A basket ring 10 or 12 inches from the backboard? Yes 2 No 36
   (d) A heavier basket ring? Yes 7 No 31
   (e) A short metal chain basket net? Yes 2 No 35
10. Is "face guarding" causing enough difficulty to warrant further restriction? Yes 1 No 39

PART III. Concerning rules for 1939-40:

11. Do you favor allowing the offended team to keep possession after: (a) a successful free throw following a deliberate personal foul? Yes 14 No 25; or (b) after any throw following a deliberate technical foul? Yes 14 No 23
12. Do you favor a method of timing whereby the clock would be stopped each time the ball is dead (with proper shortening of periods)? Yes 2 No 37
13. Do you favor a ball that bounces near the present: (a) Minimum 48" 8; (b) Maximum 55" 2; or (c) Median 52" 22?
14. Do you favor making it a violation when an unsuccessful free throw misses the ring even though it touches the backboard? Yes 18 No 20
15. (Check this only if you are connected with College or Independent games)
   (a) College and Independent games should be played in 10-minute quarters. Yes 18 No 20
   (b) College conferences should be urged to experiment with baskets 12 feet above the floor. Yes 5 No 34
16. (Check this only if you are connected with Junior or Senior High School games)
   (a) Have you had actual experience with the 29" ball? Yes 1 No 1
   (b) Do you favor use of the 29" ball for Junior High School? Yes 2 No .....
   (c) Would you favor permitting optional use of a 29" ball for Senior High School play? Yes ..... No 2
17. Assuming that proper safeguards would be made against any sudden compulsory use of equipment whose use would involve considerable expense, do you favor permitting the **optional** use of:
   (a) A backboard with several inches removed from the lower edge? Yes 13 No 22
   (b) A transparent backboard with small area behind basket painted white? Yes 8 No 25
18. Deliberate pushing of a player in the act of throwing for goal should result in additional penalty for the unsportsmanlike phase of the foul? Yes 26 No 9
19. Reverse side may be used for comments.

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMITTEE

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