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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 No
2. Are length and number of time-outs and intermissions satisfactory? Yes No
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 (b) A worse game (c) No noticeable difference
4. Have you had direct experience with a court having the end line four feet behind the backboard? Yes No
If the answer above is 'Yes', check the following:
 - (a) Were there fewer out of bounds balls? Yes No
 - (b) Was the space often used for tries for goal? Yes No
 - (c) Was there less crowding after rebounds? Yes No
 - (d) Were visiting teams noticeably handicapped? Yes No
 - (e) Do you recommend encouraging use of the four-foot space? Yes No
5. Is the rule which prescribes the "sudden death" method in the first overtime in high school games satisfactory? Yes No

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 (b) Too low (c) Too high
7. (a) The interpretation of "travelling" rule is
 - (1) About right (2) Too loose (3) Too rigid
- (b) Use of a zone defense is (1) About right (2) Too great
- (c) Officiating in my locality is (1) About right (2) Too loose (3) Too strict
8. The most desirable color: (a) for court lines is black red white broken black and white ; (b) for fixtures which attach basket ring to backboard is black white ; (c) for ball is tan white
9. Do you favor conference experimentation with:
 - (a) A smaller fan shaped backboard? Yes No
 - (b) Basket without a backboard? Yes No
 - (c) A basket ring 10 or 12 inches from the backboard? Yes No

(d) A heavier basket ring? Yes No

(e) A short metal chain basket net? Yes No

10. Is "face guarding" causing enough difficulty to warrant further restriction? Yes No

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 No ; or (b) after any throw following a deliberate technical foul? Yes No
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 No
13. Do you favor a ball that bounces near the present: (a) Minimum 48" ; (b) Maximum 55" ; or (c) Median 52"
14. Do you favor making it a violation when an unsuccessful free throw misses the ring even though it touches the backboard? Yes No
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 No
 - (b) College conferences should be urged to experiment with baskets 12 feet above the floor. Yes No
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 No
 - (b) Do you favor use of the 29" ball for Junior High School? Yes No
 - (c) Would you favor permitting optional use of a 29" ball for Senior High School play? Yes No
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 No
 - (b) A transparent backboard with small area behind basket painted white? Yes No
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 No
19. Reverse side may be used for comments.

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMITTEE

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