

Lawrence, Kansas
May 13, 1939.

Mr. Joseph H. Bennett,
20 Richards St.,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I am writing you concerning the matter of the Rules Committee adopting your basket net. There was no objection to your chain net from most of the committee members, but they felt that the price of the nets would be prohibitive. For that reason they did not adopt them.

There might be an objection by the committee over their adopting a patented net that would prohibit any other manufacturer from making a similar net. The committee has never adopted or approved a single ball for the reason that all manufacturers of basketballs meet certain requirements that are approved.

I am wondering if you would have any objection to other manufacturers making a net of this kind. Of course, we do not know that any manufacturers desire to make such a net, but may I ask if you have a patent on this type of net.

I presented to the committee the fact that it would be necessary for you to receive \$12.00 per pair f.o.b. Worcester for your net. I stated further that you would guarantee to replace any broken parts for a period of five years. The committee members brought out the point that many high schools and colleges could not buy direct from you, but would have to go through their local dealer, thereby increasing the price of the chain net. They felt that the price would be a little out of reach of most high schools.

I want to thank you for your exceptional courtesy and kindness in working with the committee, and I am very sure that your net had a lot of friends among the committee members. With certain objections overcome there is still a possibility, in my opinion for you to win additional friends with your net.

Very sincerely yours,

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Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.