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Dear "Phog":

Regarding the matter of the N.C.A.A. helping out with the contribution toward the tournament, instead of having the tournament committee provide them with free admission, I talked with "Butch" Grover sometime ago concerning this and, as he has probably told you by now, he has had the matter under consideration for some time. My impression was he is heartily in favor of your idea and I have no doubt but what that procedure will be carried out by the Coaches Association.

Regarding the conduct of such play-offs as we may run - as you recall, the tournament and olympic committee at the last meeting presented a rather involved proposition regarding the conduct of the tournament - presented it merely as a recommendation. I think what we better do, however, is to scrap this idea for the present and follow the procedure which you followed in the conduct of the play-off in your district last year, that is, splitting the profits from any play-offs in any of the districts, 20% of the net profit to go to the N.C.A.A., the other 80% of the profit to be divided among the teams involved. I am sure this will meet with the approval of the other members of the committee.

Further, with respect to the conduct of the tournament, I am going to propose that we definitely limit expenses to twelve men this season. Fifteen men is too many for us to handle in our present financial circumstances.

With respect to your comment concerning the chairmanship of the various districts, while we did not go all the way with the Faculty type of men in selection committee chairmanships, still we are in a better position than we were last year. For example, in District 2, C. E. Bilheimer, who has been active in N.C.A.A. affairs for some time, is serving as chairman there. The only reason King is not serving in your district is that you felt you would rather retain that chairmanship yourself. I feel we have a good committee as it is set up.

I, too, am sorry to see John Bunn pass out of the picture. John is a very able man and he will be missed by the N.C.A.A. I have also written to "Hec" Edmundson indicating that we are hoping he will jump into the job which is being vacated by Bunn and help out in every way he can.