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Mr. James W. St. Clair
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Dear Jim:

I am in receipt of a letter from Phil Badger of the New York University, in which he gives me the appointments which have been made to the National Collegiate Basketball Rules Committee, and I note with pleasure you have been designated as chairman of the National Collegiate group.

In your letter to Badger, a copy of which he enclosed, I note you ask what your duties would be in connection with the tournament. As you know, "June" Salmon has been on the General Committee of the tournament due to the fact he was chairman of the National Rules Committee, rather, due to the fact he was chairman of the N.C.A.A. section of the Rules Committee. Since you have succeeded him in this position I am, of course, assuming that you would also succeed him in a position on the General Committee of the tournament, in addition to serving as chairman of the selection committee of your district.

This is logical because the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee, in their discussion at the meeting in New York last Spring or Summer, indicated they were putting this tournament "baby" in the laps of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Rules Committee for general supervision by them. At the same time they designated me again as the chairman of the Tournament Committee. So I hope you will do anything you can to promote the best interests of the tournament and to feel that you, as a member of the General Committee, are expected very definitely to have a voice in the general conduct policies of the tournament. If you have any suggestions regarding the conduct of the tournament, I hope you will get them on to me just as soon as possible.

Last year, as you recall, the tournament lost considerable money. We are trying in every possible way to keep expenses down this year and at the same time we are trying to run the tournament in such a way that the revenue will not only take care of this year's affair but, we hope, wipe out the deficit of last year. I think there is a good possibility of our doing this if we can have a few district play-offs which will bring in some money in addition to the revenue which comes in from the Eastern and Western play-offs and the final game at Kansas City.

Very sincerely yours,

H. G. O.

H. G. Olsen
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball
Tournament Committee

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