

MIDWESTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE  
OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Dear "Doc":

With basketball being near at hand, our Association has decided to include a basketball officials' clinic to be conducted at the interpretation meeting which is to be held in Kansas City, on the week-end of December 9, and 10.

I know that two schools, Nebraska and Kansas State, are playing games on December 9, and it may be that other schools in the Big Six and Missouri Valley have scheduled games on this date. With this in mind, we propose to have a basketball officials' clinic on Sunday afternoon, December 10, beginning at 2:00 P.M.

Our Officials' Association was primarily organized for football officials, and during the past season we endeavored to accomplish:

- (1) To encourage closer cooperation between officials.
- (2) To have a finer relationship between coaches and officials.
- (3) To raise the standard of officiating.
- (4) Uniform interpretation and consistency.
- (5) The exchange of ideas and experiences so as to improve officiating.
- (6) To formulate a code of ethics.
- (7) To dignify our profession.

During the football clinic held in Kansas City in the early part of September, members of our Association contributed and conducted the greater part of this interpretation meeting. For the football season, the Big Six and Missouri Valley coaches adopted several interpretations which we discussed with them for a closer understanding so we would know exactly what they had in mind. We studied these interpretations carefully and made known to every official the interpretations as adopted by both the Missouri Valley and the Big Six.

A number of football officials are also basketball officials and they feel that the same results may be accomplished if we extend our Association to include basketball officiating. I should like very much to get your reaction to this proposed idea.

The following is our proposed program, and if you have any suggestions relative to this program, please write me and we will include them:

- (1) The changes in the rules.
- (2) The coaches' relationship to officials.
- (3) The relationship between officials, players, and spectators.
- (4) Suggestions to officials.
- (5) The duties of officials.
- (6) Officials positions: (a) Tossing ball, (b) Free throw, (c) Out of bounds.
- (7) Violations.
- (8) Time in.
- (9) Time out.
- (10) Held Ball.
- (11) Free throw.
- (12) Fouls (a) Personal, (b) Technical, (c) Disqualifying Fouls.
- (13) Demonstration by two teams with two officials where all phases of officiating, playing terms, position pivot plays, blocking, and anything else that may be of interest to the coaches and officials, will be discussed, with comments on the rules.

We are sending cards informing every college and university basketball coach in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma and Nebraska, inviting them to attend this basketball officials' clinic.

I shall appreciate it very much if you will inform me at your earliest convenience relative to the proposed program and if you have anything else in mind that we should include in our program. With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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