

Lawrence, Kansas
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Mr. H. V. Porter,
11 S. LaSalle St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Porter:

There was an error in transcribing the reply I sent you which should have read as follows: On No. 9 I see difficulty because you would encourage fouling near the division line. They would form a tight wall across there and stop your drive.

If my letter was ambiguous about the fouls near the division line being called technical fouls, I say we should not change that rule, because such a rule would definitely encourage fouling near the division line. If you permit a personal foul to be called a technical foul anywhere in the back court you would encourage holding, and I would be definitely against such a rule.

I believe I understand what is back of the rule. Too many coaches are protesting against the four personal foul law of disqualifying a player from the game. I am still for the four personal fouls disqualifying a player because if you ease up on that you would encourage fouling.

I might say that I believe these questions of yours are very apropos and should be put on the list. Yes, I answered this questionnaire so that you might see that in my opinion most of the changes were meeting with favor.

I would like to know what you think regarding the tolerance of bounce of a basketball. I think it is entirely too active, and while some coaches want to make the goal larger, I believe if we reduce the resilience that many balls that now hop out will stay in. Then I thought if we could get something on floor resilience we could correct some terribly floors that are more harmful now than any other part of the basketball court.