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To Members,
National Basketball Committee:

If the annual questionnaires are to be effective they must be printed in time for distribution before the various tournaments. It always requires considerable time for the preliminary work which must precede the actual printing of the questionnaire. Consequently, I am urging that you give immediate attention to the suggestions in this letter.

The questionnaire should probably contain a check up on sentiment relative to the following changes which were made last year.

- OK 1. Whether permitting any player to take time out is satisfactory.
- OK 2. Whether permitting the offended team to keep possession after a technical foul is satisfactory.
- OK 3. Whether permitting a team to waive a free throw for a personal foul is satisfactory.
- OK 4. Whether the awarding of two free throws in all cases when a player who is in the act of throwing is fouled from behind is satisfactory.
- OK 5. Whether the rule concerning missing the ring on a free throw is satisfactory.
- OK 6. Whether a mandatory four-foot end space is satisfactory.

Here are other topics which might have value on the questionnaire:

- yes 1. Should a plane surfaced backboard of the size and shape sanctioned last spring be made legal for any group which might choose to install it?
- yes 2. Should a modified board with a convex surface be made optionally legal?
- maximize 3. Should the tolerance in bounce of a basketball be reduced and what is the best bouncing height?
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- yes 4. Should college games be played in ten-minute quarters?
- yes 5. Is the problem of tall players sufficiently serious to warrant consideration of higher baskets?
- no 6. Should the number of jump balls be further reduced by
 - a. Awarding ball to the offensive team, if it is in the air on a try at the end of a quarter and is not successful.
 - b. By awarding ball to the team on defense, if they cause a held ball outside the lane or center restraining circle?
- no 7. Should the three-second lane rule be eliminated for narrow courts?
- no 8. Permit a player to enter any number of times.
- yes 9. Consider any foul (not flagrant) committed against a player who is in his back court as a technical foul.
- no 10. Should a penalty be assessed for diving?

Yours truly,

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