

NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

of the UNITED STATES AND CANADA

1940 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is sent annually to representative basketball men in order that their views may be presented at the annual meeting of the National Committee. The Committee will be grateful if you will check these answers and RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE PROMPTLY to.....

The Committee Member or State Athletic Officer whose name appears above will send all replies received up to March 16th to the Secretary of the Committee, 11 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

PART I. Concerning rule changes made last spring:

1. Any player may request a time-out. Is present rule satisfactory? Yes 32 No.....
2. After a technical foul, the throwing team keeps possession at mid-court. Is present rule satisfactory? Yes 28 No 4.....
3. A captain may waive the free throw and take the ball at mid-court after a personal foul. Is present rule satisfactory? Yes 30 No 2.....
4. When a player in the act of throwing is fouled from behind, two free throws are always awarded.
 - (a) Has this rule been properly enforced? Yes 15 No 16.....
 - (b) Has it tended to eliminate the deliberate push in the back? Yes 19 No 12.....
 - (c) Is present rule satisfactory? Yes 28 No 2.....
5. On a free throw for personal foul, it is a violation when the ball does not go through or touch the ring before touching a player. Is present rule satisfactory? Yes 31 No.....
6. Is the present rule on the four-foot end space satisfactory? Yes 31 No 1.....

PART II. Concerning general trend of game:

7. Molded Type Ball:
 - (a) As compared with the ball with sewed seams, the molded type ball is (1) More satisfactory 21 (2) Equally as satisfactory 6 (3) Less satisfactory 4.....
 - (b) The best bouncing reaction of a ball is:
 - (1) Minimum 49" 6 Maximum 54" 4.....
 - Median 51" to 52" 18.....
8. What percentage of the courts on which you play have: (1) Poor lighting.....% (2) Less than four-foot space behind backboard.....%
9. (a) Is the present game as interesting and scientific as it was with the center jump? Yes 24 No 8.....
 - (b) Are criticisms valid enough to warrant consideration of reinstatement of the center jump with restrictions such as having players rotate for the jump? Yes 9 No 23.....
10. Do you favor encouragement of experimentation with:
 - (a) Baskets without a backboard? Yes 7 No 25.....
 - (b) Baskets 11 or 12 feet high? Yes 10 No 22.....

(c) Free throw lanes 8 feet wide?

Yes 11 No 19.....

PART III: Concerning rules for 1940-1:

11. Assuming that proper safeguards would be made against any sudden compulsory use of equipment whose use would involve considerable expense, do you favor permitting the optional use of:
 - (a) A flat surfaced backboard with several inches removed from the borders and with upper edge circular? Yes 12 No 15.....
 - (b) A convex surfaced board with shape as in
 - (a). Yes 4 No 22.....
12. (Check this only if you are connected with College or Independent games). College and Independent games should be played in 10-minute quarters. Yes 18 No 13.....
13. Should the number of jump balls be 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. Yes 10 No 18.....
 - (b) By awarding ball to the team on defense, if they cause a held ball outside the lane or center restraining circle? Yes 4 No 26.....
14. (Check only one)
 - (a) For games played in quarters, remove restriction on number of times a player may enter during first three quarters and permit only one re-entry during the fourth quarter and during each overtime period. Yes 3.....
 - (b) In any game permit a player to re-enter three times. Yes 13.....
 - (c) Retain present rule on re-entering. Yes 16.....
15. Following a successful field goal or successful last free throw for personal foul:
 - (a) Start watch as soon as goal is made. Yes 11 No 14.....
 - (b) Remove right of either team to take charged time-out. Yes 5 No 21.....
 - (c) Permit substitution after any goal. Yes 11 No 19.....
16. Consider any foul (not flagrant) against a player who is in his back court as a technical foul. (Note that penalty for technical foul is more severe than formerly). Yes 8 No 22.....
17. Reduce bouncing tolerance of a ball from the present 5 inches to 3 inches. Yes 14 No 11.....
18. If any section of the rules needs to be clarified or amplified state which. Use reverse side for additional comments.

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMITTEE

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