

September 26, 1938.

Mr. Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd instant. Mr. H. V. Porter, of Chicago, who is executive secretary of the Illinois High School Athletic Association, and a member of the Research Committee, is interested in reducing the size of the backboard. He feels that a fan-shaped board would do as well as a larger six-by-four board.

The objection to the glass backboard is that Rules Committee says that the boards shall be painted white. That rule has been in for thirty years. When court construction was first started many of the sporting goods houses sold the glass backboards. The reflection of light on the glass and the fact that the glass was of different thicknesses, which made a different coloring effect, caused the Rules Committee to put in this mandatory ruling. It is still in. So I am afraid it would be a difficult matter to get that ruling out.

At any rate, I want to thank you for your good letter.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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