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To Members,  
National Basketball Committee:

Under separate cover I have sent you a copy of the Special Edition of the 1938-9 rules.

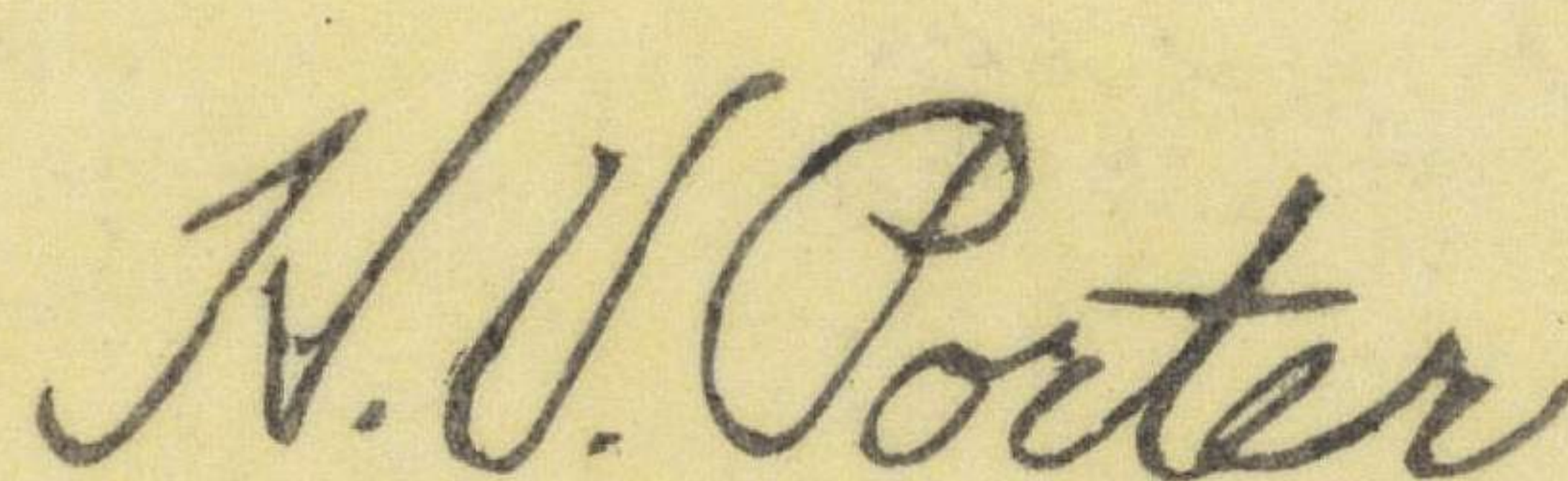
The Editor and Secretary have been working on these since the annual meeting. The wording of this special edition is the same as will be used in the Almanac Edition to be published at a later date. You will note that this is published by the National Federation. This plan was agreed upon by the Publications Committee when it developed that the American Sports Publishing Company found it impossible to get out the guide before fall. Also, they did not find it profitable to publish the separates and were glad to be relieved of this task. A happy solution seemed to be to have the National Federation run a few hundred copies of the Special Edition at the same time they ran their books for the high school associations. This special edition will be available for summer coaching schools and similar groups but no special attempt is being made to sell them and they will not be sold through dealers.

In accordance with the action at the annual meeting, four cents royalty will be paid the Committee on all copies of the Special Edition which are sold during the summer. Heretofore, one cent royalty was paid by the American Sports Publishing Company on the separates. The only publicity being given this Special Edition is through members of the Committee and a circular which is being sent to known coaching schools and colleges which are known to have summer sessions. The books may be secured through the Federation office at 11 South LaSalle St., Chicago.

In a few days I shall send a copy of the book Basketball Play Situations. This year Mr. Tower is collaborating in the making of the book and the rulings are official for college and independent groups as well as for high schools. I hope you will be able to find some good use for your copy.

In my opinion, these developments represent a great step forward toward uniform interpretations and toward universal use of the rules as formulated by the committee. The next step is to organize the work of the members so that through the season, planned experimentation and investigation will be promoted. The various sub-committees will work along these lines. They are open to suggestions.

Yours truly,



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